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**PRESENTS CREDENTIALS:** New Lebanese ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Zafer Hassan, presenting his credentials to King Khalid.

## Khaled receives ambassadors

RIYADH, Dec. 16 (SPA) — Four new ambassadors to Saudi Arabia Saturday presented their credentials to King Khalid.

They are Zafer Hassan of Lebanon, Shamsuddin Nadawi

of Senegal, Muhammad Draji of Iraq and Yousuf Jabri of Mali.

The presentation ceremony was attended by Crown Prince Fahd, Dr. Rashid Pharaon,

the King's personal adviser, chief of Royal Protocol, foreign undersecretary for administrative affairs, the commander of the Royal Guard and the director of protocol at the foreign ministry.

## Egypt sees road 'still open' to peace treaty with Israel

CAIRO, Dec. 16 (Agencies) — Egyptian Acting Foreign Minister Boutros Ghali said here that a peace treaty between Egypt and Israel was still possible, despite Israel's rejection of new treaty proposals presented by the U.S.

In an interview due for publication Sunday in the weekly "October" magazine, Dr. Ghali said: "The peace talks were neither suspended, frozen nor deadlocked. The road is still open. Some difficulties have come our way and we have to overcome them," he said.

Summing up the difficulties, Ghali said they simply express Israel's failure to absorb Egypt's commitments to the Arab world and understand Palestinian basic needs.

The two main areas of differences between Egypt and Is-

rael are Israeli refusal to link a bilateral treaty to a timetable for Palestinian self-rule on the West Bank of Jordan and the Gaza Strip and its refusal to amend the draft treaty, which in its present form overrides Egypt's Arab defense pact commitments.

Ghali said that the Arab defense pact was basically directed against attack on any of the Arab states "so if Israel has no intention to attack why should it worry," he said.

If however Israel did attack any of the Arab states, then from both the legal and political point of view the attack would cancel the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, because an attack on any of the Arab states would also be considered an attack on Egypt, he said.

Ghali said "we hope and be-

lieve that we shall overcome the remaining obstacles as we have in the past."

In a foreign policy report Saturday night to parliament's foreign relations and Arab Affairs Committees, Ghali said Egypt "is and always will be ready for constructive negotiations, but it will never agree to sign a draft treaty unless this is accompanied, and on the same day, by the signing of supplementary agreements" on linkage and commitment priorities.

He said the agreement on Palestinian autonomy should be in the form of "an exchange of identical letters" with Israel while commitment priorities would be laid down in "a written interpretation."

"Egypt's Arab commitments are a national obligation which transcends any other agreements or treaties and, consequently, cannot be subordinated to any (outside) considerations or influences," Ghali said.

Meanwhile the Israeli government prepared for a bitter dispute with the United States over what officials see as Washington's "one-sided" criticism of Israel for the halt in peace talks.

Statements by President Carter and other American officials blaming Israel and praising President Anwar Sadat have driven even political opponents of Prime Minister Menachem Begin to support his rejection of the latest proposals.

Dovish former Foreign Minister Abba Eban, who has

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## Canada introduces new anti-boycott legislation

OTTAWA, Dec. 16 (AP) — Canada has introduced legislation designed to combat the Arab boycott of Israel, saying it affects Canadian businesses.

The bill, introduced by Trade Minister Jack Horner Friday, requires that all Canadian companies asked to comply with an economic boycott must report the facts to the trade department. And it gives the government the right to publish the names of complying companies.

Companies face fines of up to 250 Canadian dollars for each day they fail to report. Last month, Ontario passed legislation which outlaws com-

pliance with the boycott by Ontario companies.

Canada's federal government has refused to directly bar compliance, but it will not provide economic assistance to companies that do abide by the boycott.

Canadian exporters had expressed mixed reaction to earlier reports of the proposed legislation, with some saying they feared Arab retaliation.

The Canada-Israel Committee, one of the chief Jewish groups in the country, called the move "a step in the right direction." But it still wanted compliance in the boycott outlawed.



**ADDRESSES CONFERENCE:** Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan addressing the first annual conference of the Arab Administrative Science Organization Saturday. (See story on page two)

## Taipei indignant

# U.S., China to normalize relations

PEKING, Dec. 16 (Agencies) — The United States and China said Saturday they would establish full diplomatic relations on Jan. 1, ending a rift of nearly three decades between the world's most powerful nation and the most populous.

The decision by the U.S. to sever its diplomatic ties with the republic of China (Taiwan) so it could normalize its relations with China brought delight in Peking but anger in Taipei, where the government denounced the move as a blow to "the entire free world."

Strict martial law was clamped on Taiwan Saturday after the shock announcement.

After an emergency cabinet session, President Chiang Ching-kuo angrily denounced the American move as a betrayal of its treaty commitments and said the U.S. "cannot be expected to have the confidence of any free nation in the future."

Within hours of the announcement in Washington and Peking, there was anger and dismay on the streets. Groups of youths threw scores of eggs at the American embassy and a car belonging to an embassy official was overturned.

Prices fell to the legal limit on the Taiwan Stock Exchange.

parliamentary elections scheduled for Dec. 23 were postponed and some demonstrators broke into riots as they condemned the American move.

"My God, the U.S. has finally deserted us," one Taiwanese official said after being told of the announcement.

But in apparent move to stave off unrest on the island, President Chiang said in a decree that martial law would be fully enforced and placed military and police forces on special alert.

The president — son of the late nationalist leader Chiang Kai-shek — said after the cabinet meeting that the U.S. would have to bear full responsibility "for all the consequences that might arise as a result of this move."

He called on Taiwanese to close ranks to tide the island over "this difficult moment."

But he said his government would under no circumstances negotiate with the Communists in Peking and promised it would "never give up her sacred tasks of recovering the mainland and delivering the 'camparions there.'"

Informed sources said a high-ranking U.S. official would visit Taiwan to explain the exact details of the normalization agreement.

The sources said Carter had guaranteed to Chiang that the United States would continue to sell arms to Taiwan on a selective basis — a move strongly opposed by China.

Carter's pledge on arms was contained in a message delivered to Chiang by the U.S. ambassador in an early morning visit.

Meanwhile the Kremlin published an unusually quick but non-committal report on the U.S.-China move.

The Soviet news agency Tass carried a report from Washington of Friday's joint announcement by Carter and Chinese Communist Party Chairman Hua Kuo-feng.

The Kremlin, locked in a bitter ideological feud with Peking since the late 1950s, paid no immediate comment on the rapprochement between Washington and Peking, although it evidently had been told of the move in advance.

Carter met at the White

House Friday with Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin, only hours before the president made his nationally broadcast announcement.

The Soviets have in the past opposed any thaw between Washington and Peking and had warned Carter not to try to use "the Chinese card" to wring concessions from the Russians on key issues.

The Chinese news agency Hsinhua quoted one Peking resident as saying, "this is in history. It's what we wanted and I'm sure it's what the American people wanted too."

Japan's Foreign Ministry greeted the news of the Peking-Washington thaw with the hope that it "will contribute to the peace and stability of Asia and the world," but some Japanese businessmen fretted that the United States might now overtake Japan as China's leading trading partner.

Washington followed the pattern set by Japan in 1972 when it established formal relations with Peking and relegated Taiwan to an informal trading partner.

A delegation of U.S. congressmen, just back from Peking, told reporters in Hong Kong that Carter's decision was "a recognition of the realities as they exist."

Sen. Harrison Williams, Democrat-New Jersey, leader of the group, said the congressmen were "gratified that the president stressed the fact that our cultural, commercial and other relations with Taiwan will continue."

Sweden said the normalization of relations should strengthen international peace. "The normalization of relations between two of the world's biggest countries can only serve to strengthen peace in the world,"

Foreign Minister Hans Blix said.

In Bonn, the West German government said it considers establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and China "an important step on the road to the normalization of international relations."

"We live in a world which depends on close cooperation of all states," said a statement published jointly by the Bonn press office and the foreign ministry. It added that Bonn had advance notice of the move.

"It is in the interest of the international community of states when the most populous nation in the world increasingly joins international developments and is included in the joint responsibility for an interdependent world," it said.

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## Reviews dollar

# OPEC opens price debate

ABU DHABI, Dec. 16 (Agencies) — Oil ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries debated next year's oil prices at a 24-hour closed meeting Saturday night, but Saudi Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani told reporters that "we just touched on this issue and we need to go over it tomorrow."

Hamid Zuberi, OPEC spokesman said the ministers discussed oil pricing for about one hour of the session and also the erosion of the U.S. dollar's value that has cut deeply into oil producers' revenues.

Zuberi said there was no discussion so far of replacing the dollar with some other mechanism for oil pricing.

Zuberi said the ministers had studied a report on the dollar situation prepared by Kuwait Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah, but Zuberi said the report didn't make specific recommendations.

As the ministers left their conference Saturday night for a dinner given by United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan, there was no indication of any change in countries' basic positions.

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and other moderates had been reported against radical increases in prices.

Venezuelan Oil Minister Valentin Hernandez-Acosta told reporters Saturday afternoon that he expected a price hike of at least 10 percent, spread over all of next year, from the current price of \$12.70 for a 42-gallon barrel of Saudi Light crude oil.

The price of Saudi light, the marker crude, has been frozen at that level since 1977. The bargaining was expected, however, to include a demand for a price hike of only 5 percent by Yamani. He said Friday that increases demanded by pricing hawks could "ruin the economy of the world."

The ministers began their closed debate after public opening speeches Saturday morning that blamed world economic problems on industrialized nations rather than the OPEC bloc.

"We are blamed for everything under the sun, from inflation to recession and currency instability," said Sheikh Ali Al-Sabah, of Kuwait. "Responsible people will know that we are the victims, not the cause, of economic problems."

Sheikh Ali's successor in the largely ceremonial presidency of OPEC, Oil Minister Mana Said Al-Otaiba of the UAE, said "inflation has been eating into our oil revenue," while the decline of the U.S. dollar has reduced income still further.

Arab specialists at the conference estimate that the real purchasing power of a barrel of oil has dropped by 38 percent in the past two years.

Sheikh Ali predicted that the ministers will reach a unanimous decision, avoiding the pricing splits that in 1974 and 1976 briefly established different base prices for oil from various OPEC members.

Meanwhile, the authoritative "Middle East Economic Survey" said Saturday OPEC will increase its crude oil price by an average 10 percent through 1979.

The "Survey," published in Nicosia, said in its weekly bulletin that according to its own soundings at Abu Dhabi the increase will be applied in stages.

It will start with five percent on Jan. 1, followed by smaller percentage rises each

quarter in order to give each member country an average 10 percent revenue rise over the year, the "Survey" said.

"It is therefore expected that after the initial five percent, the balance of the increase, spread over the remainder of the year, will naturally be more than 5 percent, in order to make up an average 10 percent increase in revenues for the year as a whole," it said.

In another development Saturday, the OPEC conference elected Rene Ortiz of Ecuador as secretary-general of the organization for the next two years.

OPEC also approved a new administrative budget for its activities of some \$10 million for 1979.

## Mobutu says

# Kingdom, Zaire sign oil supply agreement

By Farouk Luqman  
JEDDAH, Dec. 16 — President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire said here Saturday that he had signed an agreement with Saudi Arabia for the supply of oil to his country.

Mobutu said the one-year supply agreement is renewable.

Speaking at a press conference at the Hama palace, President Mobutu said he had also held talks with Saudi leaders on Saudi financial assistance to his country and that agreement on several points had been reached, but he did not elaborate.

"There is considerable room for cooperation," he said "and the main reason for my visit is to strengthen such cooperation."

The Zaire leader said his country has launched the "Mobutu development plan" and is seeking Saudi contributions to it. Other countries that are expected to help include Kuwait, Holland, and West Germany, he said.

"Saudi Arabia was one of the first countries to help us," he said. "When our country was invaded from Angola, Saudi Arabia came forward."



President Mobutu

with material and financial aid on both occasions," he added. President Mobutu paid tribute to the Saudi role in the international financial stability. He quoted the President of the World Bank as saying that "Saudi Arabia's contribution to world financial stability is pivotal," and this is what made them choose a Saudi as a member of the executive board of the International Monetary Fund, he said.

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## National firms capture lion's share of works at industry complexes

RIYADH, Dec. 16 (SPA) — The Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu has awarded 390 out of the 430 contracts now planned for projects at the two industrial complexes.

Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer Saturday said that 72 per cent of the contract so far let had been awarded to Saudi companies or joint ventures.

Three hundred contracts have been completed, he said.

### Majed to open housing parley

DHAHRAN, Dec. 16 — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Prince Majed, deputizing for Minister of Housing and Public Works Prince Miteb, will Monday open a major conference on housing problems in the developing world.

About six hundred participants from 28 countries are expected to hear more than one hundred papers at the five-day conference at the campus of the University of Petroleum and Minerals here.

During the conference there will be exhibitions of housing technology by local and foreign firms operating in the Kingdom.

Prince Majed Saturday signed a SR 94.79 million contract with a foreign firm for the execution of a sewage and rain-water drainage project in Sayhat here.

The project to be completed in 30 months, calls for the installation of sewage and rain-water drainage networks and the construction of a sewage treatment plant.

A consultancy firm has been awarded an SR 8.75 million supervision contract.

The two industrial complexes will be the site of hydrocarbon-based heavy industry including petrochemical plants, refineries and support industries. Saudi Arabian Bechtel is providing the royal commission with management services and supervision at Jubail and Saudi Arabian Parsons at Yanbu.

The 10-member committee included Prince Majed, minister of municipal and rural affairs, Sheikh Hisham Nazer, Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani, minister of information, Dr. Ghazi Algosabi, Minister of Industry and Electricity, Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, minister of agriculture and water, Sheikh Ibrahim ibn Muhammad Al-Sheikh, minister of justice, Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwair, minister of education, Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail, minister of finance and national economy, Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasi, minister of pilgrimage and endowments and Dr. Muhammad Al-Milhem, minister of state without portfolio.

The meeting was also attended by Dr. Farouk Akhdar, director general of the royal commission, Dr. Jumail Al-Jasbi, director of the Jubail project and Sami Mousli, director for Yanbu.

### College to host seminar on drugs, drinks, smoking

JEDDAH, Dec. 16 — The Islamic University of Medina is preparing to hold a conference next year on the social impacts of narcotics, liquor and smoking, "Al-Medina" reported Saturday.

Delegates will be invited from the whole Muslim world to discuss the eradication of their use in Muslim countries.

Among the topics selected for discussion, the paper said, are the attitude of the Sharia to narcotics, interpretation of



ADMINISTRATORS: Delegates at the inaugural conference of the Arab Administrative Science Organization, opened by Prince Sultan Saturday.

### Somali aide claims

## Addis raids threaten entire region

JEDDAH, Dec. 16 (SPA) — Somali Minister of Information and National Guidance Dr. Abdul Salam Sheikh Hussein Saturday said that Ethiopia was continuing to launch raids into Somali territory.

Speaking in the course of a visit to the Information Ministry and the radio and television stations here, that the raids, supported by the Soviet Union and "its major allies in the area" were increasing in gravi-

ty and jeopardized the security of the whole region.

He said that Ethiopia and its allies intended to attack Somalia, after failing to "check the western Somali liberation movement," referring to Ethnic Somali guerrilla operations in the south-western Ethiopian province of the Ogaden.

Somalia considers the Ogaden, populated largely by tribesmen of Somali origin, as a province of Somalia forcibly annexed by the Ethiopians.

The minister complained that the West had taken no action on the seriousness of the threat and called on the United Nations, the Arab League and the Organization of African Unity

### Fahd to preside at passing-out

RIYADH, Dec. 16 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd will preside the graduation of the third class of National Guard mechanized infantry at Khasm Al-An near here Wednesday, it was announced here Saturday.

to give prominence to the issue "since action is a world responsibility."

He also said that the Ethiopian campaign in Eritrea was aimed at exterminating the Eritreans and was "neo-colonialist" in character.

Hussein arrived here Friday afternoon.

## Local briefs

● DAMMAM, (SPA) — Governor of the Eastern Province Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jilawi Saturday received Henry Evers, first secretary at the Netherlands Embassy accompanied by a representative of the Saudi-Dutch Bank.

● SANAA, (SPA) — North Yemeni Foreign Minister Abdullah Al-Asnag conferred here Saturday with Sheikh Tarrad Al-Harithi, Saudi ambassador to Sanaa.

● MECQA, (SPA) — A total of 52,000 new telephone lines will be installed in Mecca as part of the automatic telephone

## Finance minister says Nationals must fill public posts

RIYADH, Dec. 16 (SPA) — Finance Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail said Saturday it was vitally important that civil services in Arab countries be staffed with their own nationals.

Addressing the first annual scientific conference of the Arab Administrative Science Organization, the finance minister said that "administration must be handled by nationals acquainted with the local administrative environment and aware of its conditions and needs."

Foreigners should be employed only so that their expertise can be transferred to nationals he said.

Many Arab countries suffer from similar problems and defects in administration and the conference was instituted so that they could benefit from one another's experience, he said.

The conference will be held in a different country every year.

### Sultan

Opening the conference Saturday morning, Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan said it would be a "step toward better administrative standards in the Arab world."

For this reason, he added, the Saudi government had set up the Public Administration Institute in 1961, and the Higher Committee for Administrative Reform in 1963.

In 1964, the Central Department for Organization and Method was established at the Ministry of Finance and National economy and was followed by similar units at other ministries.

At the same time, the Civil Service Bureau had been invested with greater power to help supply the government with skilled staff.

Universities now teach administrative sciences, he said. There is a Management Science Faculty at Riyadh University, Faculty of Economics and Administration at King Abdul Aziz University in Jeddah and Industrial Management Institute at the University of Petroleum and Minerals in Dhahran.

Princes The opening session was also attended by a number of princes, ministers and senior officials. The Kingdom was represented by Sheikh Turki Al-Sudairi, head of the Civil Service Bureau, Dr. Muhammad Al-Tawil, director general of the Public Administration Institute, Muhammad Al-Emari, director of the Central Department for Organization and Method at the Ministry of Finance and National Economy and Dr. Osama Abdul Rahman, dean of the Faculty of Management Science at Riyadh University.



Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail

It is attended by Egypt, Morocco, Jordan, Somalia, Sudan, Yemen, Oman, Bahrain, Iraq and the Palestinian Liberation Organization as well as representatives from industrial development centers in the Arab countries, the Arab League Economic, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO), the Arab Economic and Social Development Fund and the Arab Economic Unity Council.

## OPEC receives 102 requests for Yamani interview

JEDDAH, Dec. 16 — The press center at the conference headquarters of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in Abu Dhabi has received 102 requests for television, radio and press interviews with Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, minister of petroleum and mineral resources.

According to "Al-Bilad" newspaper Tuesday, among the television networks requesting interviews were CBS of the United States, the British Broadcasting Corp. and Japanese and French television. European radio stations and a number of newspaper correspondents also asked for meetings with the minister.

Television interviews have been granted to the American network ABC and West German television.

The OPEC press center has facilities to transmit news and photographs by satellite through systems operated by the United Arab Emirates, the paper said.

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SHEIKH AHMED ALGOSAIBI AND MR. KALBERER WELCOMING THE GUESTS

## Libya blacklists Egyptian products

TRIPOLI, Dec. 16 (AP) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi on Saturday announced Egypt had been placed on the black list and its products banned from this neighboring country because of Cairo's efforts at normalizing relations with Israel.

"It is deeply wounding to see Egypt placed on the black list and the application to it of all that applies to Zionist

### PLO, Jordan resume talks

AMMAN, Dec. 16 (R) — A Palestinian delegation arrived Saturday for a second round of talks with Jordanian officials on relations between the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and Jordan.

The delegation is headed by PLO Executive Committee member Hamid Abu Sita.

In the first round of talks last month, both sides agreed not to interfere in each other's internal affairs.

### Arab engineers to move HQ from Cairo to Baghdad

AMMAN, Dec. 16 (R) — The Arab Engineers Union has decided to move its premises temporarily from Cairo to Baghdad in protest against Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's peace negotiations with Israel.

In a statement published here Friday night, the union said President Sadat's policy "constitutes the most dangerous move against the Arab nation's rights."

The union called on the Arabs to support the so-called eastern front against Israel militarily and financially.

enemy products," Qaddafi said in an address to the opening session of the General People's Congress, an equivalent of a national assembly.

He described the Egyptian-Israeli contacts as "a treason which has reached its ultimate limits... This cooperation has blackened anything Egyptian and placed it on the black list."

In the speech, Qaddafi reviewed relations between Libya and other Arab countries.

He referred to the illness of Algerian President Houari Boumedienne and pledged "everlasting alliance" to the Algerian people.

"These ties are eternal and they do not end with the passing away of individuals," Qaddafi said.

Qaddafi referred to Saguia el-Hamra and Rio Oro, the two areas once belonging to Spain along Sahara's Western coast and restated Libyan support for "Arab masses struggling for their freedom everywhere, regardless of their size."

### M.E. Briefs

● ABU DHABI: Iraq Saturday proposed that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) should adopt Arabic as an official language in addition to English, the only language of the 13-nation organization, sources at an OPEC conference here said.

● BAHRAIN: The Ruler of Bahrain Sheikh Isa bin Salman al-Khalifa Saturday said any rapprochement between Gulf states was a step forward towards Gulf unity. On the occasion of the Bahrain's national day, the ruler in a statement issued here added Bahrain had worked toward unifying Arab ranks as well as the stability and prosperity of the region.

● TEL AVIV: Arab youths hurled rocks at Israeli troops and burned an automobile tire Saturday during a series of demonstrations against fencing off of land by authorities in the occupied West Bank. Military sources said the demonstrations at the village of Halhal and the outskirts of Bethlehem lasted several hours.



A NEW MESSAGE: A Muslim mulla, and other residents of Tehran's bazaar read the latest words from their religious leader Ayatollah Khomeiny on a mosque wall. A new message, sent out by the Paris-based leader, is nailed on the wall everyday. (See story page one) (Wirephoto)

### 42 killed in Iran's earthquake

TEHRAN, Dec. 16 (UPI) — At least 42 persons were killed and 10 injured in a sharp earthquake which struck southwestern Iran Friday, radio Iran reported Saturday.

At east 17 villages around the towns of Masjid-e-Solaiman and Izeh were destroyed or severely damaged when the quake struck at 10:37 a.m. (0837 GMT) Friday.

The two cities were badly shaken up, the radio said. The tremor sent shockwaves through the Khuzestan province bordering Iraq but caused no casualties in other areas.

The radio broadcast was the first report on the earthquake, the worst since 25,000 people died in a massive tremor which struck the east Iranian desert town of Tabas in mid-September.

The radio said 23 persons were killed and six wounded in eight villages around the town of Izeh and another 19 died and four were injured in nine villages around Masjid-e Solaiman.

### Israel snubs America, says Algerian newspaper

ALGIERS, Dec. 16 (R) — The United States has received a slap in the face, and from its great protegee Israel, the Algerian government newspaper "el Moudjahid" said Saturday.

It made the comment in an editorial on the abortive "shuttle" between Israel and Egypt this week by U.S. Secretary of State, Cyrus Vance.

### Soviet sub said watching Israeli boats

TEL AVIV, Dec. 16 (UPI) — A Soviet submarine is keeping watch on movements of Israeli gunboats off the Lebanese coastline, an Israeli news report said Saturday.

In its weekend edition, the "Me'ariv" newspaper said the submarine is part of a 45- vessel Soviet Mediterranean fleet, which usually uses port facilities in Syria, Libya and Cyprus.

The report said the submarine was "recently spotted off Beirut."

"It appears that the submarine was dispatched to the area in order to follow the activities of Israeli missile boats," the report said.

### Sadat meets French admiral

CAIRO, Dec. 16 (R) — President Anwar Sadat Saturday received Admiral George Lanuzelle, commander of the French Navy, the official Middle East News Agency reported.

The agency made no reference to the subjects discussed during the meeting.

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## 'Night of shame'

## Cleveland plunges into bankruptcy

CLEVELAND, Dec. 16 (Agencies) — Cleveland Saturday failed to repay over \$15 million dollars in loans, thus becoming the first major U.S. city to default on its debts since the depression in the 1930s.

Last-minute haggling between Mayor Dennis Kucinich and a hostile city council failed to come up with a rescue plan acceptable to six creditor banks before the deadline for repayment ran out at midnight Friday night.

There will be six months of chaos in the city to pay for this one night of shame," Kucinich predicted in a last-minute appeal to the council. He said his plan would have stabilized the city's financial status.

The mayor said that on Monday morning, if no agreement could be reached, he

would have to lay off half the city's police officers, firefighters and maintenance employees.

The mayor proposed to avert default by raising city income taxes by 50 per cent, but the council refused to approve this unless he agreed to sell the debt-plagued municipal electricity plant.

Kucinich refused, saying it would be a senseless short-term solution and insisting he would rather "sell his soul to the devil."

But the mayor, in an eleventh-hour compromise, promised that if the council supported his tax-raising plan, he would agree to sell the plant if it could not be run at a profit over the next 18 months.

The compromise plan collapsed at an emergency council meeting convened late Friday night.



Kucinich: "chaos"

Several of the banks had said they would be prepared to carry the outstanding loans over into next year if the coun-

cil adopted the mayor's proposal to raise the city tax, but the Cleveland Trust Bank apparently insisted that the sale of the electricity plant would have to be part of the rescue package.

The 32-year-old mayor Friday accused the banks of trying to destroy Cleveland, which has a population of 625,000, but it was as much the constant feuding between Kucinich and the 33-member council that pushed Cleveland towards bankruptcy.

Asked at midnight if the city was in default, the mayor's press secretary, Andrew Juniewicz said: "It appears as if it is." City law director Jack Schulman nodded grimly, saying "yup, as of 12 o'clock."

Detroit was the last major American city to default when it failed to repay a loan in 1932 during the depression.

## In governor's office

## Parole-for-pay plot alleged in Tennessee

NASHVILLE, Tennessee Dec. 16 (AP) — Three aides to Tennessee Governor Ray Blanton, including his legal adviser, have been charged in an alleged

parole-for-pay scheme operated in part from the Governor's office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said.

The men were charged with

## Ryan doomed in advance, Jonestown survivor says

GEORGETOWN, Dec. 16 (AP) — A survivor of the mass murder-suicides at the Peoples Temple commune said Friday that cult leader Jim Jones called for the death of U.S. Congressman Leo J. Ryan before he visited the settlement and, was slain.

Harold Cordell, 42, made the statement under cross-examination by defense attorney Rex H. McKay.

McKay represents Larry Layton, 32, charged with murder in the slayings of Ryan, three U.S. journalists and defecting cult member Patricia Parks. They were shot to death Nov. 18 at the Port Kaituma airstrip after leaving the Peoples Tem-

ple settlement in Jonestown. Jones and more than 900 other members of the cult died in a mass murder-suicide within hours after Ryan's party was attacked.

Cordell said that at public meetings in Jonestown before Ryan arrived he had heard Jones say the congressman's "plane might fall from the sky."

Previous witnesses had said Jones made a statement about Ryan's plane crashing, but they said he made the remark after Ryan and his party left Jonestown for Port Kaituma several miles away.

conspiracy and extortion in a scheme to arrange the sale of pardons, paroles and commutations for seven prisoners.

In one case involving 100,000, an escape was allegedly considered.

Participants in the alleged extortion were told Blanton knew of the practice, an FBI affidavit filed in U.S. District Court said. No charges were filed against the governor.

Blanton was not available for comment.

An informant — identified only as "Mr. B" — was secretly recorded discussing details of one alleged payoff during a long-distance telephone call to

an aide in the Governor's office, according to FBI documents.

Other conversations were videotaped, authorities said.

FBI agents Friday arrested T. Edward Sisk, Blanton's legal counsel; Charles Benson, Sisk's extradition assistant; and Lt. Charles Frederick Taylor, a 15-year Tennessee Highway Patrol veteran assigned to Blanton's security staff.

Agents said Sisk and Benson were carrying \$1,200 and \$2,300, respectively, at the time of their arrests — part of \$10,000 in marked money allegedly given Taylor by "Mr. B."

## Somoza orders amnesty

MANAGUA, Dec. 16 (AP) — President Anastasio Somoza has met the second of three demands his opponents set for continued peace talks in Nicaragua by declaring amnesty for political prisoners. Radicals re-

jected it and moderates agreed to being negotiating Saturday. The amnesty, signed into law Friday night, is expected to free some 4,000 Sandinista guerrillas, political prisoners and to exonerate exiles.

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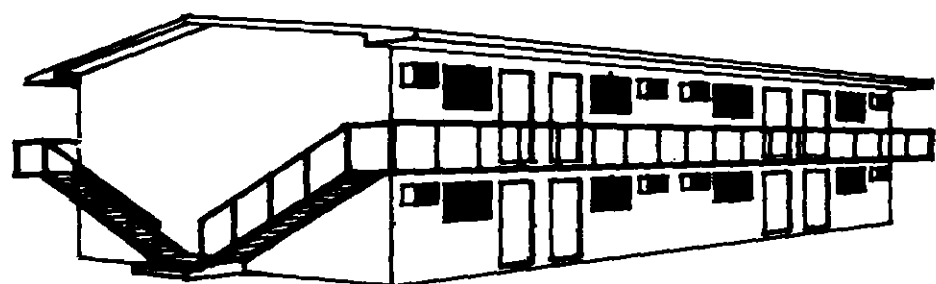
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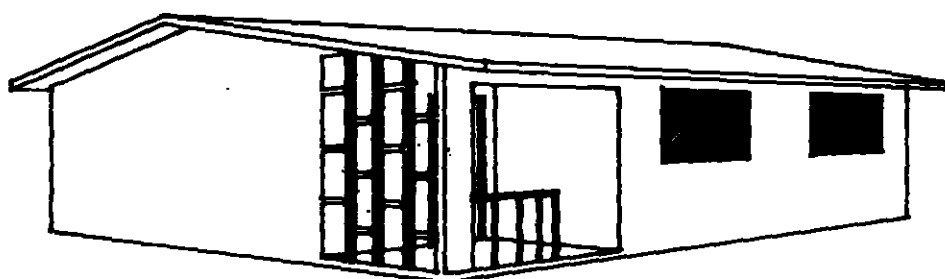
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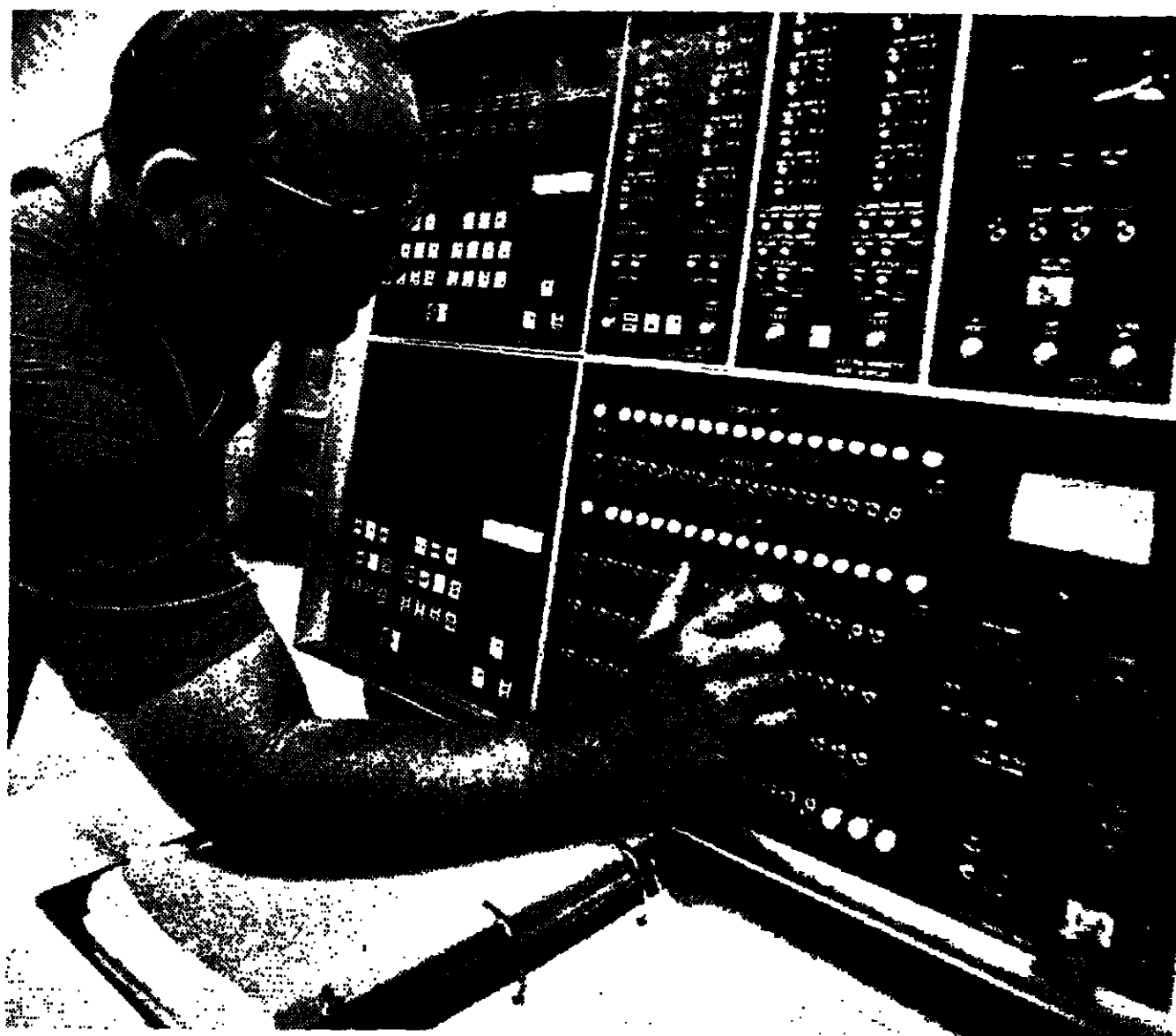
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## Rhodesia admits attack on Mozambique troops

SALISBURY, Dec. 16 (UPI)—Rhodesia admitted Saturday it has widened its war against black guerrillas to include installations run by neighboring Mozambique's regular troops.

### Black civilians said killed by insurgents

SALISBURY, Dec. 16 (AP)—Black guerrillas have killed 21 black civilians, including seven men and a baby, shot or beaten to death in raids on two farm laborers' compounds, the military reports.

Earlier Friday Ndabaningi Sithole, one of three blacks in the government, appealed for an end to foreign aid to the Patriotic Front guerrillas.

"There's been a campaign of terror against the Zimbabwe nation as a whole," he said.

A military communique said two men and an 18-month-old baby died when guerrillas shot up a farm compound in the Midlands.

In a farm attack in the north-west, guerrillas abducted 10 workers, the military said. Nine were found later, five backed to death with axes and then shot, and the others seriously wounded, the communique said.

### 3 Irish sentenced for British officer's death

BELFAST, Dec. 16 (AP)—Three men from Northern Ireland's Republican country near the Republic have been convicted of murdering a British Army undercover agent, Capt. Robert Nairac.

Nairac, 29, vanished in May 1977, and his body was never found. He was last seen in Crossmaglen near the border. His bloodstained car was found there a few hours later. Authorities said he was believed killed in a forest a few miles away in the Republic.

Liam Patrick Townson, from Dundalk in the Republic, was sentenced in Dublin 13 months ago to life imprisonment for the murder.

Friday's sentencing ended a lengthy trial. It was the first conviction in Northern Ireland for a murder committed south of the border and in

Army bases occupied by guerrillas of Robert Mugabe's wing of the Patriotic Front.

The strikes — announced by the Rhodesians Dec. 11 and said by the Mozambicans to have been in a series begun Nov. 29 — were launched after captured guerrillas provided "reliable intelligence that those

parts of the bases which were under attack were occupied by Rhodesian terrorists and contained terrorist arms," Rhodesia said.

"If the Mozambique government wishes to act as host to forces seeking to overthrow the transitional government by force and to provide such forces with accommodation and storage facilities within the confines of FPLM bases, then they must be held responsible for the risks to which such a policy exposes the people of Mozambique."

FPLM, Mozambique's armed forces, are the Portuguese initials for the Popular Liberation Forces of Mozambique, Rhodesia's eastern neighbor, it is a former Portuguese colony.

Until Saturday's announcement, Ian Smith's government had consistently asserted that its troops go out of their way to avoid Mozambican regulars when operating in Mozambique.

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## Russians step up propaganda war on Romanian leader

MOSCOW, Dec. 16 (AP)—The Soviet Union publicly reprimanded Romania Saturday for taking a "special position" on Warsaw Pact defense matters and then bringing the conflict to the attention of the press.

The Communist Party newspaper "Pravda," in a prominently displayed and lengthy article headlined "Detente and Reality," defended the Warsaw Pact's decision to maintain a strong posture in the face of rising NATO arms buildups and expenditures.

"Pravda" stepped up the Soviet quarrel with President Nicolae Ceausescu, who publicly revealed that he refused to sign a Warsaw Pact pledge

to step up military expenditures at last month's Moscow meeting.

It was the first time that the Soviet press had mentioned Romania's name in the context of the summit.

"When discussing questions related to this (defense matters), the Romanian comrades took a special position," Pravda wrote.

"Later, they informed the public through the press of some of their arguments and this gave a pretext for speculations and insinuations against the Socialist community by bourgeois and Peking propaganda-men."

It was apparent from the article that what angered the Kremlin was Romania's public disclosure of the proceedings at the usually secret Warsaw Pact meeting, and the impression given the West that the bloc was divided.

Ceausescu based part of his argument against an increase in military expenditures on the principle that it would diminish the possibilities of economic development and that the bloc's military was already strong enough.

## Namibian victor may enter U.N. elections

next year.

There have been doubts that the DTA, having won this election, would be prepared to risk further U.N.-sponsored elections including SWAPO.

which has been fighting a limited guerrilla war.

But without those second elections Namibia would be denied international recognition as an independent state.

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## Cambodia uprisings said spreading

BANGKOK, Dec. 16 (AP)—The Cambodian rebel movement Saturday claimed that uprisings against the central government have been expanded in many areas in the north and northeast of the country, especially in Mondulkiri province. The pro-Hanoi rebel movement has vowed to topple the Phnom Penh government.

## 23% of U.S. energy needs from the sun

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—The sun could furnish 23 per cent of the United States' energy needs within two decades if the U.S. government is willing to spend \$2.4 billion a year to get the job done, a new policy study asserts. The Energy Department study, which has been presented to President Carter, offers a variety of policies costing up to \$113 billion over 20 years.

## Pilgrim crash airport innocent

COLOMBO, Dec. 16 (AP)—The crash of an Icelandic Airways jet last month was not caused by malfunctioning equipment at Colombo Airport, according to a report to be published here Sunday. The government-controlled "Ceylon Observer" reported that information obtained from a flight data recorder showed the equipment did not cause the crash, in which 188 persons died.

## Turkey, Portugal to get more aid

BRUSSELS, Dec. 16 (R)—More NATO countries have expressed willingness to give military aid to Portugal and Turkey, a spokesman for the Western Alliance has said.

## Off the boat and onto the beach

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec. 16 (AP)—About 300 Vietnamese refugees who landed east of here Friday have been allowed temporarily to stay on the beach there, the government said Saturday. There are more than 47,000 Vietnamese refugees in Malaysia.

## British crime author dies at 71

LONDON, Dec. 16 (AP)—Edgar Lustgarten, a barrister turned author who was known to crime drama buffs around the world for his radio, television and film reconstructions of celebrated murder trials, is dead at 71. He collapsed of an apparent heart attack Friday in the Marylebone public library near his London home.

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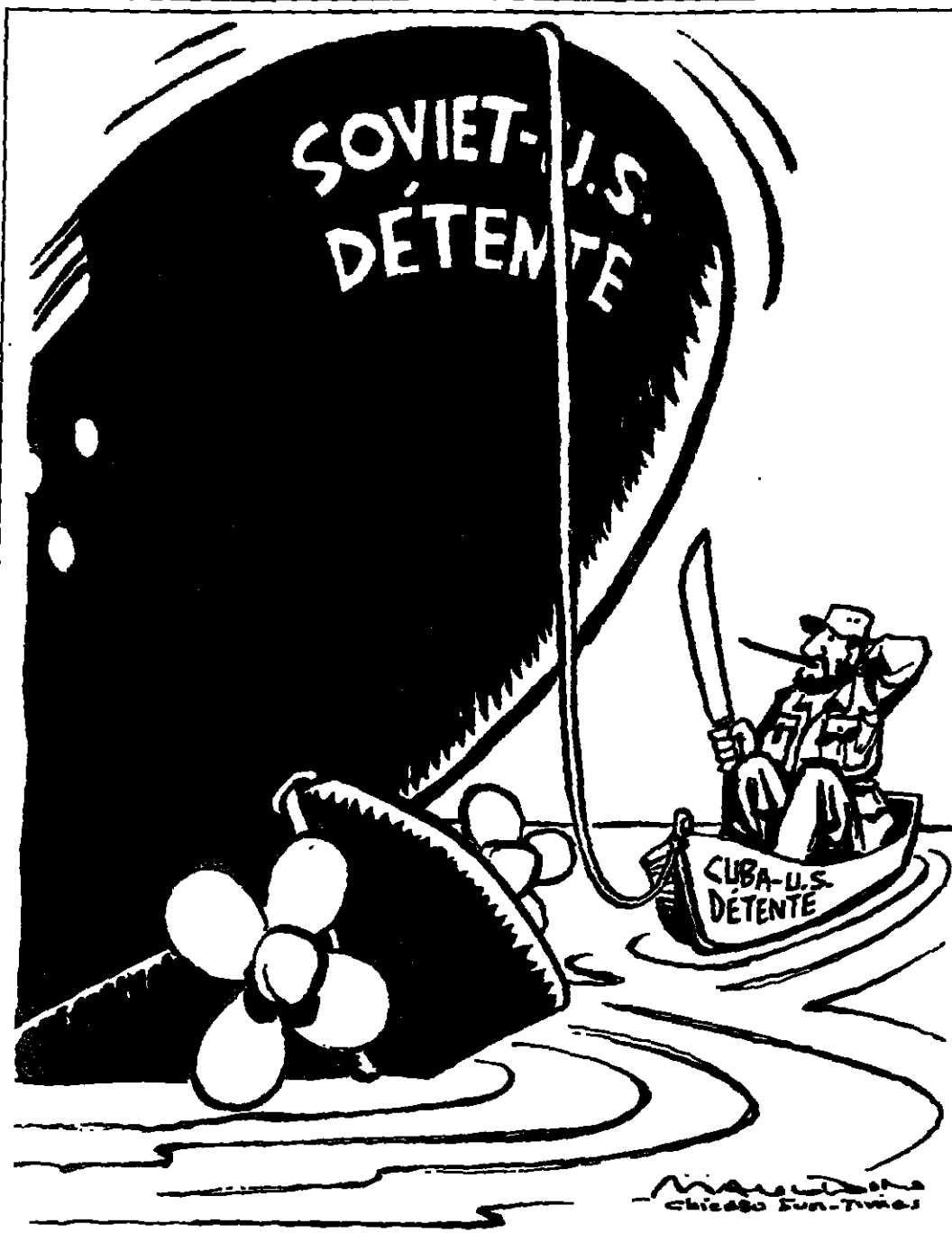
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## 'Lebanon' specter haunts Iran

By Colin Smith

TEHRAN—Iran in ferment is a land full of slogans—Independence, liberty, and Islamic government; Iran is our country, Khomeini our leader, our leader is Khomeini; hail Khomeini, death to the traitors; political prisoners must be free.

After almost 12 months of riots, the Shah's carrot and stick policy has failed to control his mutinous subjects.

If any further proof of this was needed it came with the massive, yet mainly peaceful, demonstrations which took place over the Ashura holiday last week.

But if the Shah is near the end of his 37-year reign what follows?

In Tehran a waiter summed up the situation like this, "At the moment," he said, "the people are together. If the Shah goes the people will begin to go in different directions. Then, after a little while, they will go like this." And with his fingers he demonstrated different factions bound on a collision course. "Iran will become another Lebanon," he concluded miserably.

Lebanon's anarchy is a spectre that haunts many countries in the Middle East who are only too aware of how brittle their own societies are.

The two most powerful seg-

ments within the disparate opposition to the Shah are the religious element and the National Front, which is an umbrella group covering most of the political spectrum except the Communists.

In London recently, Abolhassan Banisadr, an economist and active Front member since the 1960s, explained that if the Shah abdicates a provisional government of about 15 opposition leaders would take over. All these people would first have to have Ayatollah Khomeini's approval in accordance with Iran's 1906 constitution, which lays down that a religious council must vet all legislation.

The first thing this interim government would do, said the National Front spokesman, would be to organize a nationwide referendum on whether the country wanted a monarchical or republican system. They would then supervise the election of deputies to a special parliament which would make the laws of the new State in accordance with the result of the referendum.

This is a rosy picture and although the referendum with its almost inevitable republican result—even the compromise of a regency council around Crown Prince Reza is unpopular—would probably be easy

enough to organize, the parliamentary elections would not be nor would the drawing up of the new constitution.

Some of the seeds of bitter disputes that would surely follow the Shah's departure were to be seen on the five-mile protest marches from the center of Tehran to the Shahyad monument on the outskirts of the capital.

"If you see people distributing leaflets don't fight with them," a man belonging to one of the religious parties announced over a loud hailer before one of the processions set off.

"Our revolution is Islamic and popular, not against Communism or imperialism," read one of the banners.

Ayatollah Khomeini, who had spent years in prison because of his sympathies with the outlawed Tudeh Communist Party, denounced when he heard the Shah's announcement that "the Shah's departure will give the leadership an excuse to attack" the revolution.

But it was noticeable that the school-leavers found great difficulty in maintaining a tight march, suggesting that discipline and

"Now everyone is very religious," said a student, "and will be different" (OFNS).

## Symbolism vs. substance

By Robert Cullen

WASHINGTON—The explosive growth in trade and cultural exchanges with the People's Republic of China practically forced the Carter administration to move ahead with normalizing relations, according to administration officials.

The price for the change was the termination of formal diplomatic relations with the Republic of China (Taiwan) and of the military defense treaty that has long committed the United States to the defense of the island.

That price was considered too high by the Nixon and Ford administrations, but recent developments made it palatable to the Carter White House.

The ascension of Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping to a position of effective control brought with it a sudden opening to the West as China's leadership rejected the ideological purity of the late Chairman Mao Tse-tung and sought to modernize its society as rapidly as possible.

The Chinese, deciding they need all the help they can get from the West, have signed sweeping new trade and friendship agreements with France and Japan.

With the United States, the Chinese have agreed to a major student exchange and are dickering for sophisticated American technology such as a communications satellite.

That opening meant a potential bonanza for American businessmen and an unprecedented opportunity for American and Chinese scholars. But further progress was hampered by the lack of full diplomatic relations.

Thus, Carter decided to accept diplomatic relations along the same lines that the Japanese have them, while maintaining unofficial relations with Taiwan.

Administration officials insisted Friday that Taiwan is in no jeopardy despite the abrogation of the defense agreement. They say that Teng has given informal assurances that China is not going to invade Taiwan when the last American troops leave and intends to seek unification slowly, peacefully and without disrupting Taiwan's economic system.

One American official explained the bargain by saying "The Chinese got the symbolism they wanted and we got the substance we wanted."

In addition to opening a new era in bilateral relations, the new ties between the United States and China are certain to have a major impact on American relations with the Soviet Union, a nation that now stands alone as China's major enemy.

The Soviets have said they expected normalization of U.S.-Chinese relations but would be deeply disturbed if the normalization leads to a military alliance.

Already the Chinese are bargaining with France and Britain over the terms of major weapons sales.

Carter seemed clearly to be addressing the Soviet fears when he said Friday night, "the normalization of relations between the United States and China has no other purpose than this—the advancement of peace."

## Joint communique

Following is the partial text of Carter's speech Friday night announcing the establishment of full diplomatic relations between the U.S. and China:

The United States of America and the People's Republic of China have agreed to recognize each other and to establish diplomatic relations as of Jan. 1, 1979.

The United States of America recognizes the government of the People's Republic of China as the sole legal government of China. Within this context, the people of the United States will maintain cultural, commercial and other unofficial relations with the people of Taiwan.

The United States of America and the People's Republic of China reaffirm the principles agreed on by the two sides in the Shanghai Communiqué and emphasize once again that: — Both sides to reduce the danger of international military conflict.

Neither should seek hegemony in the Asia-Pacific region or in any other region of the world and each is opposed to efforts by any other country or group of countries to establish such hegemony.

Neither is prepared to negotiate on behalf of any third party or to enter into agreements or understandings with the other directed at other states.

The government of the United States of America acknowledges the Chinese position that there is but one China and Taiwan is part of China.

Both believe that normalization of Sino-American relations is not only in the interest of the Chinese and American peoples but also contributes to the cause of peace in Asia and the world.

The United States of America and the People's Republic of China will exchange ambassadors and establish embassies on March 1, 1979.

Yesterday, the United States of America and the People's Republic of China reached this final historic agreement.

On Jan. 1, 1979, our two governments will implement full normalization of diplomatic relations.

As a nation of gifted people who comprise one-fourth of the population of the earth, China plays an important role in world affairs—a role that can only grow more important in the years ahead.

Before the estrangement of recent decades, the American and Chinese people had a long history of friendship. We have already begun to rebuild some of those previous ties. Now, our rapidly expanding relationship requires the kind of structures that diplomatic relations will make possible.

By Michael Getler

BONN—West Germany's new young Defense Minister—whose style seems more American than German—is causing a stir and some concern at NATO headquarters in Brussels, in some quarters of the Carter administration and even here in Germany.

"What Hans Apel is all about is what everybody wants to know," says one top U.S. diplomat in Europe, referring to the controversial 46-year-old German defense chief. Ten months after taking over as the civilian head of the largest and most important military partner of the United States in Western Europe, Apel remains a puzzle to many associates.

He has politely yet clearly challenged NATO's military leader, General Alexander Haig, on some key issues. He has not so politely broken the formality and club-like rules of NATO's inner circles by suggestions of weak leadership. And he has raised some provocative long-range questions about central issues affecting West German political as well as military security.

What is becoming clear, however, is that Apel—a confident and protégé of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt—is apt to be the most important West German Defense Minister of the post-war era.

That is so not simply because of the key role of any German defense chief, but also because Schmidt's role as the dominant and most popular political leader in West Germany continues to grow.

If Schmidt, 59, seeks and wins reelection in 1980, then Apel, in the view of many politicians, becomes probably the most likely Social Democrat to eventually succeed him.

"If you conclude we're going to have Schmidt around for another six years and Apel after him, then it pays for us

to figure Apel out quickly," says one Western official.

"What is clear," another adds, "is that he is the next generation German. No ties to World War II. Never wore a uniform. No Nazi-era hang-ups. So he is taking a different tack. He is basically acting like an American politician who doesn't care if he breaks the china or where it breaks."

"We've reformed them," the official says of the postwar German generation. "And now we are finding it a little difficult to deal with them."

"At NATO headquarters in Brussels," a Western diplomat says, "the Americans, especially, had gotten comfortably used to a certain kind of German Defense Minister who just took out his checkbook and said okay to the program."

"Apel is different," he adds, "but some of the American attitudes persist, especially among the military people."

Like Schmidt, Apel comes from the bustling and tough northern city of Hamburg and he displays some of the brashness, wit and intellect of that city. Like Schmidt, who was a finance minister and defense minister before becoming chancellor, Apel was also a finance minister, which has made him somewhat more cost-conscious than some of his predecessors.

Also like Schmidt, Apel comes from a Social Democratic Party that has an outnumbered, yet active and outspoken left wing. If he aspires to higher office he has got to consider party support across the board at some point.

Unlike Schmidt, however, Apel is young, closer to a new generation that has more doubts than their parents about Germany's becoming an increasingly larger military staging base for the Western alliance.

Apel is generally viewed as a middle-of-the-roader with a strong commitment to the need

## A puzzle named Apel

for the Western military alliance and West Germany's strong contribution to it. Nevertheless, he is the first defense chief never to have served in the military and to have made known his discomfort with uniforms in a book published three years ago.

Many observers and officials view Apel's political challenges as healthy and refreshing.

He has, for example, sought to remind NATO that it is the civilian political leaders and not the military leaders who have the final say on alliance questions.

He has sought to tone down the rhetoric and frequency of NATO military warnings to the public because he feels they can eventually overwhelm political considerations, which also must be taken into account, yet which may not have fully crystallized. Within this view, another concern is implicit: political leaders have not spoken out sufficiently on some of these crucial East-West issues.

For example, Apel is known to be concerned that military arguments that the West needs new intermediate-range weapons to match a Soviet buildup can dim prospects of arm control negotiations handling such questions.

He is concerned that a new buildup of such weapons in Western Europe to match the Soviets could eventually decouple the U.S. commitment to defend Europe with long-range strategic weapons if necessary, or could add still more weapons to German soil, which may be politically unpopular to a new generation of voters.

At the heart of Apel and Schmidt's concern, informed sources say, is a feeling that the public, through military assessments, is becoming inundated with warnings about Soviet arms and the need to strengthen NATO while not paying enough attention to arms controls.

Schmidt, in particular, is known to feel that what he sees as an important formula, discussed here last May with Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, is being overlooked. At that time, Brezhnev said neither side should seek military superiority and that approximate parity should be the goal.

Schmidt, perhaps for his own political benefit or for broader concerns, has sought repeatedly to draw attention to Brezhnev's visit here, though other Western officials tend not to

see much new in it.

The German attitude on policy toward the Soviet Union creates much of the mystique of Schmidt and Apel these days. While both remain firmly committed to the West, Bonn clearly is trying to improve relations with the Soviets. This, however, is feeding ammunition to some conservative critics here and in the United States who feel Bonn's ties are somehow weakening, although there is no real evidence to support this.

Apel also has openly chal-

## A first for the Fifth Republic

By Paul Webster

PARIS — With the appointment of Jean Francois-Poncet as foreign minister, France's foreign policy is now free of Gaullist influence for the first time in the 20 years of the Fifth Republic.

The choice of a former anti-Gaullist election candidate with an almost religious commitment to Europe reflects the growing confidence of President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing as both the internal and external politics of France become ever closer identified with his personal priorities.

In many ways, the appointment of Francois-Poncet will be as traumatic for the Gaullists as the loss of the presidency in 1974 and the loss of the premiership in 1976. The Gaullist policy of French independence is to be finally submerged in the interests of a confederal Europe.

But if Francois-Poncet's appointment passed off with little Gaullist protest, it was not only due to the fact that the Gaullist leader Jacques Chirac was in the hospital after breaking his leg in a car crash. The rise of the new foreign minister was a carefully planned and timed operation by Giscard that made protest a waste of time.

Since 1974, foreign affairs have been as much a personal preserve of the president as they were under Gaullist leaders. But he was restricted in his choice of foreign ministers

to avoid a too apparent affront to the Gaullists and turned to career diplomats. They did little more than carry out the president's will while looking over their shoulder at the predominantly Gaullist foreign ministry at the Quai d'Orsay.

While the president gradually dismantled the Gaullist influence in the ministry itself, the shortcomings of using civil servants were displayed by both previous office-holders. Jean Sauvagnargues and Louis de Guiringaud. Too dry and inflexible, they made a number of mistakes in interpreting the president's policy. De Guiringaud was to leave under the shadow of several gaffes, notably in Africa and in condemning right-wing forces in Lebanon.

His replacement, Francois-Poncet, is not merely hand-picked by the president but is also hand-trained. The timing of his selection, one month before France starts its six-month presidency of the EEC, is in itself an indication of Giscard's trust and his priorities.

Francois-Poncet, 50, comes from the same rich bourgeois background as the president and, like him, married an aristocratic member of one of France's iron and steel families. He has four children, like the president and went to the Ecole Nationale d'Administration like his leader.

But while Giscard's background is largely financial—a factor which has him inevitably

tinged Haig's philosophy of bigger NATO maneuvers each year in Germany. The maneuvers damage the countryside too much, he says, and perhaps send the wrong signals to the East.

At a NATO nuclear planning group meeting in Brussels last month, Apel, perhaps inadvertently, also voiced NATO Secretary General Joseph Luns by some undiplomatic language suggesting weak leadership. That eventually brought Luns to Bonn for a discussion with Schmidt. (WFP)

As an adviser to the Fourth Republic's Foreign Minister, Maurice Faure, Francois-Poncet not only took part in the negotiations for the Treaty of Rome, but was passionately in favor of a united Europe.

His anti-Gaullism—he unsuccessfully fought two elections as a centrist—cost him the Madrid ambassadorship in 1971 after 11 years as a diplomat. He resigned and for the next five years was preoccupied with restoring the fortunes of a banking company with 7,000 employees.

In 1976, the president made him secretary of state for foreign affairs but seven months later he left his junior ministry to become the Elysee secretary general. Apart from running the president's day-to-day affairs, he went on every overseas trip with Giscard, becoming increasingly involved with negotiations as he speaks English, German and Italian.

During the preparation for the European parliamentary elections next year and the campaign Giscard is leading for European monetary aid political unity, Francois-Poncet will have freedom of action denied his civil service predecessors. He is already favored to become prime minister in succession to Raymond Barre. (OFNS)

## saudi press review

"Al-Medina" said that the collapse of the talks between Egypt and Israel "is an indication that peace is way down on Israel's priority list."

"Although the proposals the Jewish state has rejected would not have, by themselves, satisfied the Arabs, they show that Israel would never agree to go along with any just proposal in the region—at least none that promise to give the Palestinians their legitimate rights. It is a happy coincidence that the Israeli rejection of the Egyptian proposals—backed by the United States—should come at a time of an appeal by the United Nations to impose an arms embargo on Israel. But Israel will nonetheless, persist in its policy of intransigence because of its superior military strength. The world community should therefore, be called upon to withhold further arms supplies to this viciously racist entity—together with South Africa—as a contribution to the peace process."

"In this respect, the United States is morally obliged to find a way to link military and economic aid to the Jewish entity to progress in a peaceful solution of the Mideast problem. Without this American action, the Israelis will not feel

goaded to move towards a peaceful settlement in the region."

"Al-Bilad" commented on Oil Minister Yamani's statement to the press on the need to stagger any oil price increase and said that the statement "shows a sense of responsibility towards the interests of mankind in general." It said that the Kingdom's oil policy "will always remain geared to the development needs of the country and the interests of the rest of the world."

"Al-Riyadh" commented on the OPEC conference and upheld the moderate line that the member states are taking with regard to prices.

"An excessive price increase," according to the paper, "can be counter productive."

"It may lead to further deterioration of the dollar value and this, in turn, might reduce the net earnings of the oil exporters, and thereby offset the increase in price which, most probably, would not exceed ten per cent."

"On the other hand," the paper said, "world economic circles are treating the OPEC conference with nonchalance ex-

pecting it to continue to be moderate, hopeful of finding alternatives to oil and that they hold the key to economic problems besetting the world. They are confident that because they are in control of the technology required by the developing states, they can get any price they want for their exports."

"But this is a wrong attitude because the OPEC countries can demand some other form of payment for their oil. Another option is to demand a much higher price for their commodity to make up for the losses sustained by the devaluation of the dollar. Economically, it makes sense for the OPEC countries to move away from the dollar to SDRs because the U.S. currency is not likely to get healthier in the near future."

"Oleaz" said that while it held "in great esteem the moderating role that OPEC is playing in trying to stabilize the prices of oil," the responsibility really falls on industrialized countries. International economic stability is not going to be achieved solely through an OPEC decision to depress prices. This stability can only be the result of a large and cooperative effort, particularly on the part of bigger countries which control the wheels of the world economy."



## The Saracens and the defense of the Arabian Frontier

# Quebec confronted with autonomy problem of its own

By Walter Schwartz

**QUEBEC CITY, Canada** — A bonanza of hydro-electric power, with attendant feasts of uranium and iron ore, is turning Quebec's cold north into an ace card in the poker game for independence. There is only one embarrassment. Way up beyond the treeline, above the 55th parallel, the Eskimos are making a bid for their own autonomy.

Quebec acquired its vast northern lands by treaty in 1913, promising to take over from the federal Canadian government the care of some 10,000 Indians and Eskimos. In practice it did not worry about the natives until the 1960s, when the area's riches began to emerge — and when Quebecois began thinking about independence.

A complex of rivers drain-

ing into James Bay provide one of the world's finest hydro-electric sites, promising in its initial stage (the first generators are due to start turning next autumn) to double the province's power output, and to double it again later. This can make Quebec an important supplier of electricity for New York state — the source, indeed, of much of the financing for the \$14 billion project.

The only natives directly in-

the way are 6,000 Cree Indians of the James Bay region (an area the size of England). Asserting their ancestral claim to the land (aboriginal rights, though vague, were reaffirmed in every royal charter and every treaty since the French army surrendered to the British in Montreal in 1760), an association of Indians managed to stop the construction work by court injunction in 1973. This caused pandemonium among the giant government corporations and investors involved. A week later, after multi-million dollar-a-day losses, another court reversed the order.

After that trauma, the Quebec government decided to "settle" the Indian problem once and for all, in the classic manner, by treaty — and to include the 4,500 Eskimos (now more politely called Inuit) in the far north as well, although they have nothing to do with James Bay.

The agreement, signed by hand-picked "representatives" of the communities, whose credentials have since been challenged, has been denounced by sociologists and human rights organizations as "colonialist." Under its opening clause the natives "release, surrender and convey all their native claims, rights, titles and interests, whatever they may be, in and to

land in the Territories, and in Quebec."

In return native leaders get a \$196 million cash grant, payable in installments and not for spending all at once. The money has to be used for public projects, but critics of the agreement point out that officially paid "leaders" are spending much of the money on prestige jet airplanes to carry them to one official meeting to another. The Northern Quebec Indian Association has offices in a skyscraper in Montreal. Its executive jets are too big to land in 11 out of the 13 airstrips in Eskimo settlements.

An original version of the agreement provided for a smaller cash payment, but the natives were to draw mineral royalties in their areas. In the final version, with no royalties, every native can count on getting \$11,000 over 20 years. Critics point out that even without an agreement the government would have spent as much in that time.

The government's negotiator acknowledged in parliament that Indians and Eskimos have "a special relationship with the land their ancestors inhabited." The agreement gives each native village a 40-kilometer half-circle which it can call its own — but can only on the surface because mineral rights belong to the state. In a wider 160-

kilometer zone, natives have exclusive hunting rights. Outside this, hunting is free for all, including the big guns of the Montreal weekenders.

The dissident Eskimos are centered at Povungnituk, a settlement of 800 people in well-heated plywood huts paid for by the federal government. (Ottawa still looks after housing for natives, leaving education to the Quebec provinces, with the impressive result that Eskimo children can now speak English and French well as their own language.)

Some 1,500 Eskimos in three villages staged a social revolution in the 1960s by founding co-operatives to buy furs and sculptures, and sell consumer goods in the villages, in competition with the century-old monopoly of the Hudson's Bay Company.

The co-operatives were a success, with a turnover now standing at \$8 million a year. Every purchase in a co-op carries a five per cent surcharge in aid of a political organization pledged to negotiate regional autonomy for Eskimos in northern Quebec — and opt out of the James Bay agreement.

"It is tragic that just when the Eskimos were beginning to look after themselves after decades of protectionism by the federal government, this agree-

ment puts them right back into the position of children," said Jean-Jacques Smead, professor of sociology at Laval University, Quebec. He points out that the elaborate "self government" machinery set up in the agreement is in fact staffed by an army of officials.

The agreement even provides for a staff of salaried "hunters," paid for out of the compensation fund, to hunt food for the old and the infirm.

"That destroys our custom," said Tamusoi Quamak, the co-op's leader at Povungnituk. "In our custom a family shares out the meat it has killed and this takes care of the old and the young."

Quamak said Eskimos know they cannot live on hunting any more. "We have to change and more. We want to be part of Quebec and share its development. But how can we ever accept this agreement in which we are supposed to have signed away all our rights?" What this amounts to is that the Eskimos consider they have as much rights as the Quebec government to any mineral royalties in their area.

"We wonder if the Queen of England knows what injustice is being committed to a people living within her sovereignty," said Quamak. The dissidents want their own regional government within Quebec, operating outside the James Bay agreement. Rene Levesque's Quebec Party government has not closed its mind. Eric Gosselin, director of a special secretariat on native affairs, responsible directly to Levesque, said talks would soon be held with dissident Eskimos. "I think the future is with them in their search for their identity. Nowadays people respect the claims of minorities, ecology and nature. We'll see what we can do for them."

The Eskimos remember that Levesque was minister of natural resources in the old Liberal Party government. It was he who first appreciated the political importance of the natives — then under federal tutelage — to an emergent Quebec. The result was the French schools competing with English. Levesque inaugurated the enlightened policy of teaching children exclusively in their own language in their first two years at school.

With the hydro-electric power due to flow in less than a year, it is too late to re-open the James Bay agreement. The dissident Eskimos' number about 1,500 in three coastal villages. Perhaps the most they can hope for is that no important minerals are found in their area, and then they might, with luck, achieve special status as a nature reserve. — (G)

## Pie in the sky

By Jerome Burne

**LONDON** — Around the world groups of dedicated men are working painstakingly with wood and glue in draughty aircraft hangars in preparation for one of the zaniest air frolics since the Wright brothers. They are the contenders for the \$200,000 prize to be awarded to the first person to cross the 20-mile-wide English Channel by man-powered flight. In August 1977 the Kramer prize of \$100,000 for the first person to fly a man-powered plane around a mile-long figure of eight course was claimed by Paul MacCready in California, nearly 20 years after it was first offered.

In response the philanthropic Kramer, a British businessman, this year dangled his cross-channel bait. Since the current distance record for man-powered machine is a mere 2,000 yards it is no wonder that even the most dedicated enthusiasts describe the challenge as "pie in the sky." But that doesn't seem to stop them from trying. So far over 250 people from all over the world have applied. Rear Admiral Nicholas Goodhart, who holds the U.K. distance gliding record of 360 miles, was

thwarted in his bid for the first Kramer award. He had spent over 6,000 man-hours working on his Newbury Manflyer during the past four years, and the success of Paul MacCready last year was a great blow to him.

But with the dedication of a true enthusiast he simply began to rebuild the machine to take another person to give the necessary power to get across the Channel.

The Manflyer is now the largest man-powered plane ever built. Its 207-foot wing span is the same as a jumbo jet, and it weighs over 160 lbs (compare that to the 70 lbs that the American plane, Gossamer Condor weighed).

Admiral Goodhart is relying on what is known as the ground effect. This is something that all light planes experience when they get to within six or seven feet of the ground (or for surface of the sea). There is a definite buoyancy that will keep a plane up in the air. In some very light-powered planes it is even necessary to stall to get down. This, plus the fact that there is less turbulence over water, is what he hopes will get him across. Another British en-

trant, D.G. Cook from Suffolk, would seem to have an edge on the other competitors, for in August this year he was the first man to cross the Channel on a hang-glider driven by an BHP lawnmower engine.

"They was very rough," he says. "I was flying at about 300 feet and even at that height you get fantastic turbulence passing over supertankers. There is no way you can avoid the monsters and I passed several of them."

Cook, who has been building his plane for two years, says he does it for the technical challenge. "If my machine gets off the ground and flies for a mile I'll be more than pleased. I'll be one of no more than 30 men in the world who have done that." His design is different from the others in that most of the previous attempts have been made in machines that were like gliders modified to take a cyclist to provide the power. "Mine is a swept flying wing that has no fuselage or tails. There is a treadle system for the two men, the one at the back uses both his arms and legs for power while the other steers and just pedals." — (OFNS)



**A HELPING FOOT:** The show must go on, as the old saying goes. But what happens when a vital circus traction vehicle gets hopelessly bogged down in the mud when the show's on tour? This situation happened to Roberts Brothers Circus when they had to move out of Polebrook, England. Even with the combined weight of all the men that could muster, movement was impossible; and faced with a very tight schedule the situation was bleak. Then the elephant trainer got a jumbo idea. His Indian elephant Maureen, weighing three tons provided the muscle power of thirty hefty men.

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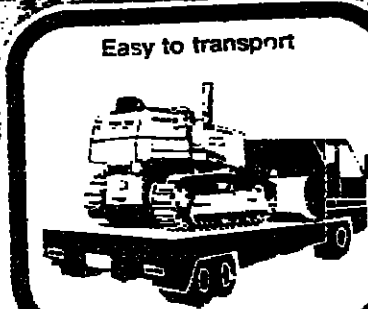
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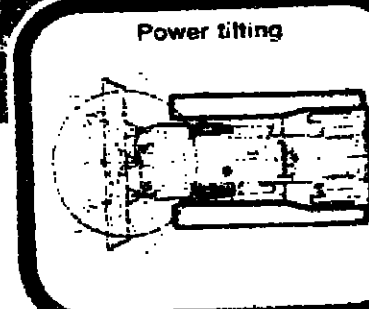
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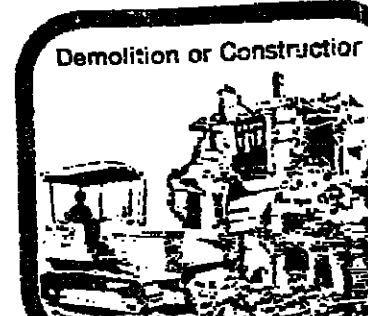
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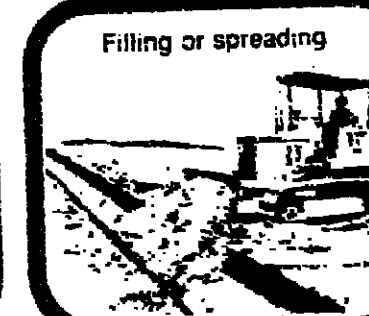
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## Four points adrift

# Everton keeps unbeaten streak to challenge winless Liverpool

LONDON, Dec. 16 (R) — Everton is still the only unbeaten side in the English soccer league after drawing 1-1 at home with Leeds Saturday.

It was only three minutes from losing that record when it grabbed an equalizer after Hawley had given Leeds a first-half lead.

This late goal takes Everton within one point of neighbor Liverpool, the First Division leader which was surprisingly beaten 1-0 away to Bristol City. Joe Royle scored the all important goal in the 74th

minute.

West Bromwich Albion, a team very much in form, stretched its unbeaten run to 13 games, with a comfortable 3-0 away win over lowly Wolverhampton.

It is now only four points adrift of Liverpool and has played two games fewer.

The Browns, Ally and Tony, kept West Bromwich hot on the heels of the Merseyside pair, Ally scoring twice and Tony once.

Everton's savior was Trevor Ross. His goal stretched the club's unbeaten run in the league this season to 19 games and boosted its hopes of overhauling Liverpool, which lost for the third time in the league Saturday.

League champion Nottingham Forest, which surrendered its remarkable 42-match unbeaten league run when it lost to Liverpool last week, bounced back with a 1-0 win over Birmingham City. Scotland international Archie Gemmill scored in the 70th minute.

Chelsea, another of the First Division's strugglers, must have been hoping to give its new manager Danny Blanchflower a great welcome by winning at Middlesbrough.

But the size of Blanchflower's task was emphasized by the London club's crushing 7-2 defeat. Micky Burns scored four of Middlesbrough's goals.

Chelsea's neighbor Arsenal had a much better day keeping alive its title hopes with a 2-0 win over Tommy Docherty's Derby County. Its marksmen were David Price and Frank Stapleton.

Arsenal and Forest are six

points behind Liverpool with Manchester United a point further back. United beat Tottenham 2-0, one of its goals coming from 18 year-old Andy Ritchie who was playing only his second game for the club.

The top three teams in the Second Division — Crystal Palace, West Ham and Stoke — all had comfortable wins. Robson's goal in West Ham's 2-0 win over Charlton was his 200th in the League and his 16th this season.

The second round of the Football Association (F.A.) Cup brought its expected crop of shocks, the biggest being non-League Maidstone's 1-0 defeat of Exeter.

Another non-League side, Woking, did exceptionally well to hold Swansea — a team which includes several former Liverpool players — to a 2-2 draw and Worcester City and Leatherhead were other obscure sides to force league clubs into replays.

Up in Scotland none of the top five clubs in the Premier Division managed a win.

But leader Dundee United will no doubt be well satisfied with a share of the spoils in the 1-1 draw away to Celtic.

It keeps its one-point lead over Partick Thistle which drew 0-0 away to Hibernian. A point further back is Aberdeen after drawing 1-1 at home with St Mirren.

The division's only winner was Rangers. After scoring only 16 goals in its previous 16 league games the League champion surprised itself with a 5-3 victory over Hearts.

## British football results

### English, League

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Manchester Utd. 2 Spurs 0  
Middlesbrough 7 Chelsea 2  
Forest 1 Birmingham 0  
QPR 2 Manchester C. 1  
Hampton 4 Coventry 0  
Wolves 0 WBL 3

#### Division Two

Brighton 3 Luton 1  
Burnley 2 Bristol R. 0  
Palace 3 Leicester 1  
Fulham 1 Newcastle 3  
Millwall 1 Blackburn 1  
Oldham 0 Orient 0  
Preston 1 Notts Co. 1  
Sheffield Utd. 2 Cardiff 1  
Stoke C. 3 Wrexham 0  
Sunderland 2 Cambridge 2  
West Ham 2 Charlton 0

### Division Three

#### Plymouth 1 Chesterfield 1

#### Division Four

Halifax 1 Wigan 2  
Scunthorpe 4 Hereford 2

### English F.A. Cup

#### (second round)

Leamington 0 Torquay 1  
Barking 1 Aldershot 2  
Barnsley 1 Rotherham 1  
Bury 3 Blackpool 1  
Carlisle 3 Hull 0  
Crewe 0 Hartlepool 1  
Darlington 2 Chester 1  
Doncaster 0 Shrewsbury 3  
Droylesden 0 Altrincham 2  
Leatherhead 1 Colchester 1  
Maidstone 1 Exeter 0  
Newport 0 Worcester 0  
Portsmouth 0 Reading 1  
Swansea 2 Woking 2  
Stockport 4 Bradford 2  
Tranmere 1 Sheffield Wed. 1  
Watford 1 Southend 1  
Wimbledon 1 Bournemouth 1

### York 3 Scarbor' 0

#### Scottish League

#### Premier Division

Aberdeen 1 St. Mirren 1  
Celtic 1 Dundee Utd. 1  
Hibernian 0 Partick 0  
Motherwell 1 Morton 1  
Rangers 5 Hearts 3

#### Division One

Arbroath 3 Airdrie 3  
Avr 5 Montrose 0  
Dundee 2 Stirling 1  
Hamilton 3 Clyde 3  
Queen 2 Clydebank 1  
Raith 1 Kilmarnock 3  
St. Stone 2 Dumbarton 2

#### Division Two

E. Fife 2 Berwick 1  
Queens Park 2 Stranraer 1  
Scottish Cup (First Round)  
Dunfermline 2 Albion 2  
Falkirk 2 Keith 0  
Gala 1 Cowdenbeath 3  
Meadowbank 1 Inverness 1  
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AGAINST ENGLAND: All Blacks surround England's M. Rafter on their way to a 16-6 victory earlier in the tour.

## All Blacks climax triumphant tour

CARDIFF, Wales, Dec. 16 (R) — Eddie Dunn, the New Zealand rugby union All Blacks' second-choice fly half, snatched victory over the Barbarians here Saturday in a

fitting climax to the New Zealanders' tour of Britain and Ireland.

The 23-year-old Maori, playing despite tonsillitis, dropped a goal in injury time with his

side trailing, 16-15, to give the All Blacks an 18-16 win and their 17th victory in 18 matches.

Their only defeat was by the Irish provincial side Munster in the fifth match of the tour.

## China dominates track

# Swimmers boost Japan's lead

swimming and second-placed China seized four more track and field golds.

The day's action started early as Hakam Singh set out at 7 a.m. for a 20-kilometer walk through Bangkok's streets before a few early risers to give India one of its three gold medals for the day.

Singh put on a tremendous finishing burst to catch Indonesia's Subramanian by only four seconds with a winning time of one hour, 31 minutes 54.9 seconds.

With new swimming records now on the book for 23 of the 24 events so far, Japan swept all six of the day's races and added two gold medals in yachting. That boosted its overall total to 51 golds, 39 silver and 33 bronzes.

China had 36 golds, 35 silvers and 28 bronzes after winning four of seven track and field events and the men's and women's springboard diving, with four of its divers surpassing Olympic records.

Besides the walk, India won the men's long jump and a trap shooting gold, boosting its total to seven golds — tied with host Thailand behind the 12 of North Korea.

Walk-out

Saturday's action also was marked by North Korea's second protest walkout of the games, this one costing it its first loss in men's basketball play, to so far unbeaten South Korea.

Other golds Saturday were Pakistan's in yachting, Iraq's in the men's 400-meter run—the first gold for both countries — Thailand's in yachting and one

## Under new rules

# F1 Grand Prix drivers must enter all events

PARIS, Dec. 16 (AP) — New rules for the 1979 Grand Prix World Championship auto racing season, including an obligation to contest all events, and a new points scoring system to sustain interest in the title races, were announced by the sport's ruling body here Friday.

An official list of 27 competing cars and drivers was issued, with another 20 drivers qualified to take part in Formula One racing as reserves.

But only in exceptional circumstances, to be defined by the ruling body case by case, will a driver not entering all events be allowed to score points for the World Championship.

The year's 16 races will be divided into two halves, and drivers will count only the four best results from each half for their points total. Officials of the ruling body, soon to be renamed the Worldwide Motor Sports Federation, said that under the system, Mario Andretti of the U.S., would still have won this year's event.

Andretti was present for the official award of his prize which followed the announcement of the new rules and approved them.

Any teams not entering a

race without a valid excuse will be fined \$20,000, the new rules state.

New teams wishing to enter the competition must nominate races three months in advance and submit a guarantee of \$30,000.

The only new team to enter the world championship this year is that of West Germany's Kaushen, with Belgian driver Patrick Neve.

The new points scoring system, long rumored, already has constructors and tire manufacturers changing their strategy. Sources say the Canadian Wolf team is designing a car with the new rules in mind, and tire companies are running their computers overtime.

The rules mean they can design optimum cars and tires for a limited number of tracks.

## Alone in NBA, 76ers, Lakers get home wins

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP)

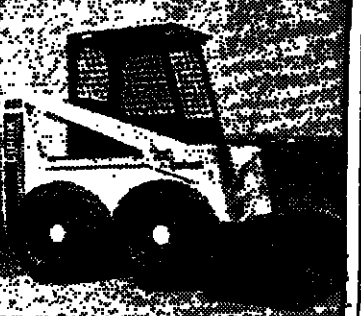
— The Philadelphia 76ers and Los Angeles Lakers had more in common than second place in their divisions Friday night. They were the only home teams to post victories in the nine National Basketball Association games played.

Philadelphia, second in the Atlantic Division, downed the Houston Rockets, 91-84 while the Lakers, second in the Pacific, edged first-placed Seattle, 100-98. Otherwise the visitors destroyed the belief in home court supremacy in the NBA.

Washington won its seventh straight road contest, 116-114 over Detroit. Atlanta edged a six-game winless traveling streak with a 121-104 win over New Jersey and San Antonio triumphed for the fourth consecutive time in Indianapolis, downing the Lakers, 125-113.

The other visiting victors were Kansas City, 105-101 in Boston, New York, which beat Chicago 118-94, Cleveland, which outscored Milwaukee, 110-106, and Portland, 116-113 over Denver.

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## U.S. industries boost output by 0.7 per cent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP) — U.S. industries increased their output by 0.7 per cent in November, indicating that the American economy is continuing to grow at a strong, steady pace, the government said Friday.

The Carter administration expects the economy to grow more next year as it tries to bring down the 9.5 per cent inflation rate. However, Friday's report showed that the economy shows no signs yet of slumping.

Industrial production is an

important indicator of economic strength because it measures the combined output of factories, mines and utilities. When the unemployment rate rises it is often preceded by a decline in industrial production.

Gains were widespread among nearly all industries in November, the report by the Federal Reserve Board showed. Strong output in the auto industry contributed to a 0.5 per cent increase in production of consumer goods.

However, production of home goods declined for the second

month in a row because of cuts in the output of appliances and furniture.

The report covered the first month since President Carter announced his anti-inflation program Oct. 24 and his steps to halt the slide of the dollar Nov. 1.

Some private economists predict that moves to tighten credit will lead to a recession next year. However, the report indicated that businesses were still spending money on expansion and on future production.

## Weekly Wall Street

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP) — All the widely publicized problems and uncertainties in the United States' economic outlook have not deterred a good many Wall Street analysts from taking a positive view of stock market prospects in 1979.

The cornerstone of many forecasters' optimism is the fact that stock prices are already extremely low, by his-

torical standards, using such measures as price-earnings ratios and "book values", or the theoretical liquidating value of stocks.

"P-E ratios are low on a historical basis, and the substantial reserves of domestic and foreign investors should begin flowing into U.S. stocks when interest rates peak and the dollar recovers," maintained Standard and Poor's

Corp. "Thus, while the near-term market outlook is still murky, the risk-reward ratio looking further ahead is quite positive."

Similarly, the value line investment survey declared: "relative to book values, especially at the replacement values of existing facilities, and relative to earnings and dividends, stock prices are at a level compared to past market bottoms."

They remained stuck at that level in the past week, drifting aimlessly until Friday when the market ran into some selling pressure.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, down 7.19 on Friday, finished the week with a 6.50 loss at 805.35.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index dropped .75 to 53.31, and the American Stock Exchange market value index was down 1.84 at 149.30.

Big Board volume averaged 22.03 million shares a day, down from 23.42 million the week before.

John R. Groome, director of research at the investment management firm of Schroeder, Neess and Thomas, acknowledged that such problems as high inflation and high interest rates may well continue to weigh down the market over the next several months.

## FAO ready to help Arabs fight locusts

BAGHDAD, Dec. 16 (R) — The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is ready to provide all possible aid in developing Arab technical resources to fight locusts, FAO delegate Muhammad Daoud Khalifeh said here Saturday.

Khalifeh was addressing the ninth Middle Eastern conference on desert locusts, attended by delegates from 10 Arab states and the FAO, which organized the meeting.

He was quoted by the Iraqi News Agency as saying the FAO was also prepared to organize collective and individual training courses on fighting locusts.

The four-day conference is being attended by delegates from Kuwait, Sudan, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Qatar, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, North and South Yemen, and Iraq.

## Alia to double flights to U.S.

AMMAN, Dec. 16 (AP) — The Royal Jordanian Airlines (Alia) will double its flights to four to New York and Houston in 1979, Alia Director General Ali Ghandour announced Saturday.

Ghandour said Alia also will become the first Arab airline to extend its flights to South America.

The airline's profits expected to reach one million Jordanian dinars three million dollars in 1979 as a result of a new marketing policy based on lower fares. The number of passengers is expected to reach one million, he said.

## Zia urges development of new energy resources

KARACHI, Dec. 16 (AP) — Gen. Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq, leader of Pakistan's military regime, Saturday cautioned the Islamic world and asked them "to consider the alternatives available to the Islamic world when oil is finally exhausted in their territories."

Inaugurating the three-day conference of the chambers of commerce and industry of 40 Islamic countries here Saturday, the general said: "We have to see how long oil resources in Muslim countries can last. In the past few decades, the Islamic countries have been the main suppliers of the oil to the entire world. It would only be prudent and

logical for Islamic nations to acquire and develop new resources of energy for the day when there would be no oil to feed the industry."

Gen. Zia told over 100 delegates present that nuclear power was an important alternative source of energy for the future — and Pakistan was making most serious efforts to acquire it and would continue efforts to obtain nuclear technology for peaceful purposes.

He hoped that during the three-day deliberations the leading business men and leaders of trade from all Muslim countries would formulate their trade policies in such a way that all kinds of resources of the Islamic countries were utilized by the member-nations of the newly-formed Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

## Uranium supply 'sufficient' till 1985—expert

PARIS, Dec. 16 (AP) — The world's uranium supply should be just sufficient to meet demand in 1985, but problems could arise by 1990, when stocks will be exhausted, a French nuclear expert warned Friday.

Georges Besse, who heads France's Nuclear Reprocessing and Uranium Enrichment Unit, said world demand for uranium was likely to reach 100,000 tons by 1985, compared with 30,000 tons next year.

The United States is expected to supply 16,000 tons next year and France 4,200 tons, including its output from the African countries of Niger and Gabon, Besse said.

He said it took about eight years to get a uranium mine fully operational. To meet the risk of a shortfall by 1985, Besse said his office was spending 200 million francs (\$45 million) annually on uranium research in Africa and Canada, and was seeking a foothold in South America and Australia.

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Opening Saturday	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.37	3.31
Pound Sterling	6.70	6.70
Deutsche Mark (100)	178.00	178.25
Swiss F (100)	200.00	200.25
French F (100)	78.00	77.75
Italian Lira (1000)	4.05	4.10
Lebanese Lira (100)	111.50	111.75
Syrian Lira (100)	81.25	81.60
Egyptian Pound	4.55	4.85
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.35	12.40
Jordanian Dinar	11.40	11.45
Emirates Dirham (100)	88.00	87.75
Qatari Riyal (100)	88.00	87.75
Bahraini Dinar	8.80	8.77
Iranian Riyal (100)	46.00	46.30
Iraqi Dinar	9.85	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	74.50	74.20
South Yemeni Dinar	—	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	78.00	86.25
Indian Rupee (100)	—	41.75
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	34.25
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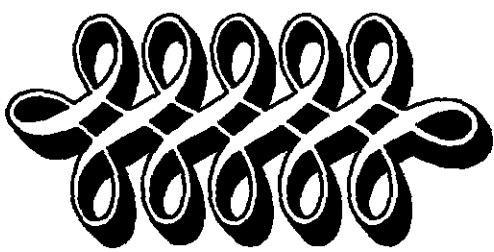
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## Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
* Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Fencing of Al-Shafei graveyard in Nejr	1	150	Jan. 21
" "	Fencing of graveyard in Zor Al-Haroth village in Nejr	"	150	Jan. 21
" "	Building of a dam to protect Halwa Bilrin village from floods in Qusayyah	"	500	Jan. 22
" "	Temporary asphalt of some rural roads in Halwa town	86-98/99	1000	Jan. 27
" "	Fencing of four graveyards in rural areas in Halwa town	87-98/99	600	Feb. 1
" "	Lighting of streets in Al-Shamashah village and its entry point	88-98/99	200	Feb. 1

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12	VANIL	KANOO	GENERAL	15/12/1978
13	CONCORDIA TAREK	KANOO	GENERAL/HILTS	15/12/1978
15	GOLDEN FORTUNE	ORRI	GENERAL	15/12/1978
17	TIGRIS MARU	AET	GEN. STEEL	15/12/1978
18	BRAUNFELS	ALIREZA	GENERAL	15/12/1978
21	ASIA ROSE (D.B.)	ALIREZA	BULK CEMENT	15/12/1978
28	NEDON	ORRI	LIME	15/12/1978

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NEDLLOYD LK	KANOO	GENERAL	14/12/1978
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VANIL	KANOO	GEN. CONTRS	15/12/1978
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HONMOKU MARU	AET	FOR BUNKERING ONLY	15/12/1978

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9	—	—
10	CHAR CHUN	ABDALLAH
11	WINONA	ALSAADA
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13	TELAMON	KANOO
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29	VINCENZA	ORRI
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ZEBEDIELA	STAR NAV.	FRUIT	15/12/1978
PUZZLAAN	S.E.A.	BAGGED CEMENT	15/12/1978
LALLI VILLE DE DUNKERQUE	ABDALLAH	RO RO	15/12/1978
AGIOS GERASSIMOS	RED SEA	GENERAL	15/12/1978
PORT OF RIO ANNOULA TSURIS	O.C.E.	FROZ CHICKENS	15/12/1978
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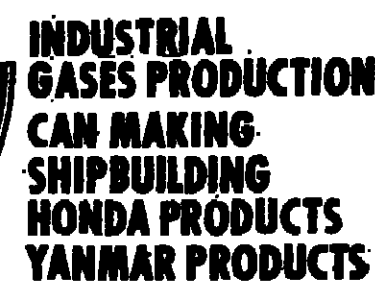
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**CLOSING STOCK AVERAGES**  
December 14

38 Industrials .....	812.54	UP 2.68	or +0.33%
30 Transport .....	219.24	UP 1.22	or +0.57%
50 Chemicals .....	99.73	DN 0.41	or -0.41%
15 Utilities .....	275.93	DN 0.10	or -0.03%

New York — (AP-DJ) — The stock market had a mixed day, with a number of uncertainties threatening — including the economy, the Midwest and the approaching OPEC meeting — and the result was a generally mixed picture in moderate trading.

A total of about \$75 billion cleared on the New York Stock Exchange while only some \$6 billion cleared on the rest of the market.

The Dow Jones Industrial average, which was down more than three points in early trading, bounced later in the session and closed up 2.68 or 812.54. Volume totalled about 20,800,000 shares compared with 22,480,000 shares Wednesday.

**DOW JONES**  
**11.00 a.m. STOCK AVERAGES**  
December 15

30 Industrials .....	818.46	DN 2.88	or -0.35%
30 Transport .....	218.18	UP 0.98	or +0.45%
50 Chemicals .....	99.53	DN 0.20	or -0.20%
15 Utilities .....	275.37	DN 0.56	or -0.20%

Italy	324.75	319	Canada
Italy	23170	22000	France
Marelli Ercole	220.25	220.50	Belgium

Admiral Marelli	518	498		
Alitalia	158	339		
Almaviva	36700	19500		
Mitsubishi	1626	1550		
Montedison	156.75	168		
Olivetti Ord.	723	937		
Overseas Priv.	1125	1169		
Plavi	548	547		
Perini S.p.A.	894	871		
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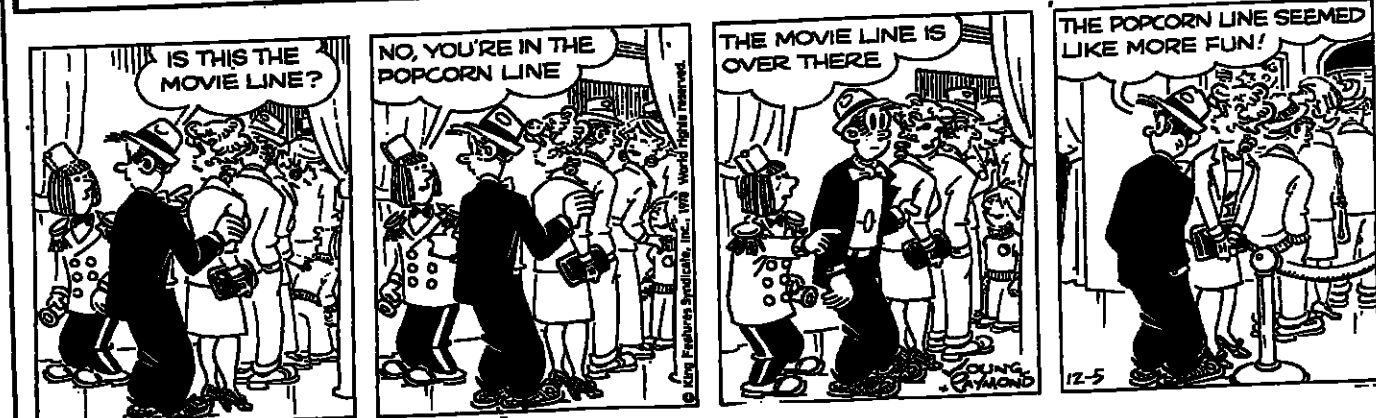


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## PRAYER TIMES

SUNDAY	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:31	6:58	12:22	3:27	5:44	7:14
Medina	5:37	7:03	12:24	3:23	5:39	7:09
Nejd	5:03	6:33	11:51	2:50	5:06	6:36

## DHAHRAN TV

3:30 Children's Show	CB Bears: Hard Headed
4:30 Jokers Wild	Hard Hat, Heavy
5:30 Wide World Of Sports	No. 508
6:02 Walkons	Acrobatic Water Ski
6:51 Wel. Bk Kotter	The Big Brother
	One Of Our Sweathogs Is Missing
7:25 Safety Film	Take Notice
7:26 Police Woman	Death Game
8:16 That's My Mama	Cliffons-Big Move
8:41 Second Run	Baxter

## WEATHER

Moderate weather in all parts of Saudi Arabia in the morning, cool by night in the northern part. Surface winds will blow in various directions, gaining speed during the day in the northern region, raising dust occasionally. Sea conditions in territorial waters will be calm to moderate.

Saturday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)					
Mecca	29	19	Jizan	33	24
Jeddah	29	18	Hail	22	02
Riyadh	26	11	Tabuk	19	04
Dhahran	25	12	Rafha	20	06
Medina	27	11	Yanbu	28	13
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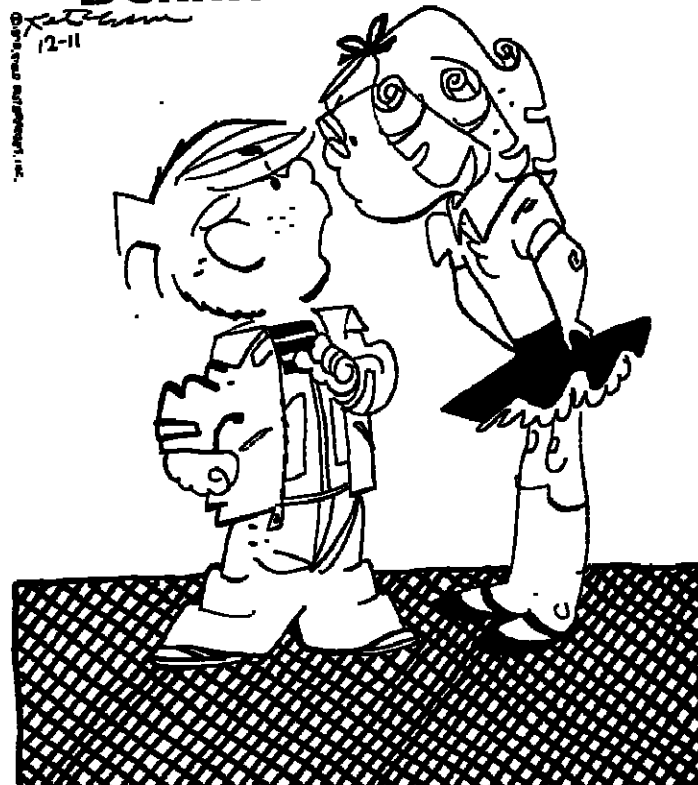
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2:01 The Holy Quran	10:01 The Holy Quran
2:05 Gems of Guidance	10:05 Message to the Faithful
2:10 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle	10:10 Light Music
2:15 Music	10:15 NEWS
2:30 On Islam	10:25 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle
2:45 Under the Limelight	10:30 Selection of Music
2:55 Music	11:00 World of Machines
3:00 NEWS	11:10 Press Review
3:10 Press Review	11:15 The Stevie-Wonder Story
3:15 Music	11:45 Eminent Saudi Arabians
3:20 Music-Machines	12:00 Islamic Contributions
3:30 Close Down	12:15 In the Quiet
	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
	12:50 Close Down

## VOA

F.M.	News Summary
8:00 News Roundup: Reports: Actualities: Opinion: Analysis	12:30 VOA Magazine: America; Science; Cultural; Letter.
8:30 Dateline	11:00 Special English: News
9:00 Special English: News; Features. The Making of a Nation	11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
9:30 Music USA: (Standards)	VOA WORLD REPORT
10:00 News Roundup: Reports: Actualities: Opinion: Analysis	12:00 News... newsmakers' voices... correspondents' reports... background features... media comments... news analyses.

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## Crossword

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ACROSS

1 - vu

5 Parlor pastimes

10 "When I was 3

11 Gilbert

12 At cut-rate prices

13 Founder of stoicism

14 Flights

15 Obscure

16 Greek letter

17 Arranged

18 In trim

20 Table scrap

21 Peace symbol

22 Make out

24 Dollar

25 Anchorage

26 Volary

27 Grampus

28 This is often "due"

32 Prefix for "new"

33 Asperity

34 - anti

35 Casm

37 Gossipy

38 Japanese wild dog

39 Sidle

40 Vestibule

41 Bar order

DOWN

1 Perplexed

2 Vainish ingredient

3 Two-faced god

4 Bustle

5 Folklore being

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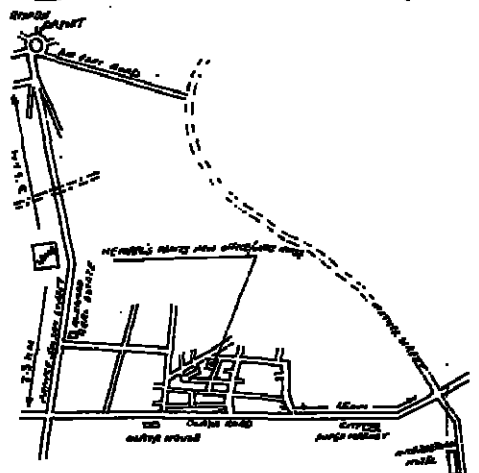
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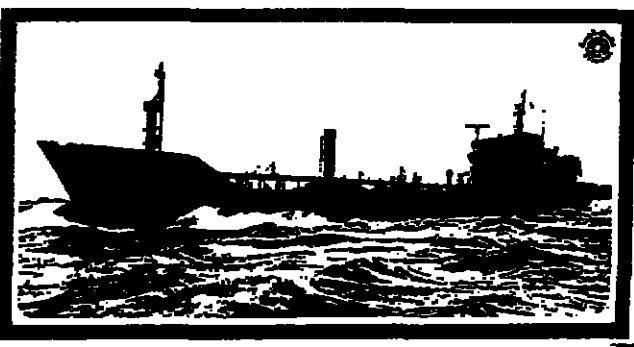
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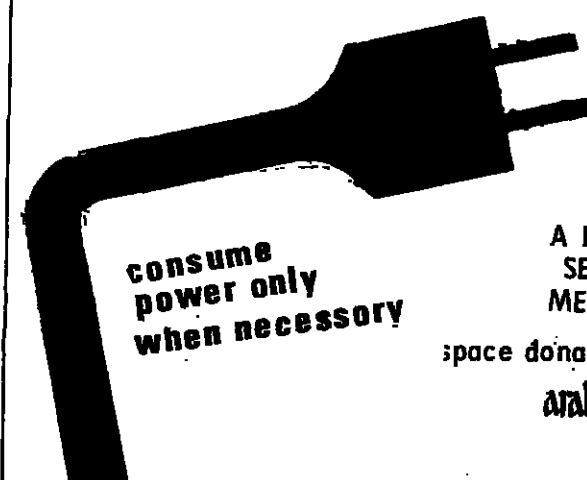
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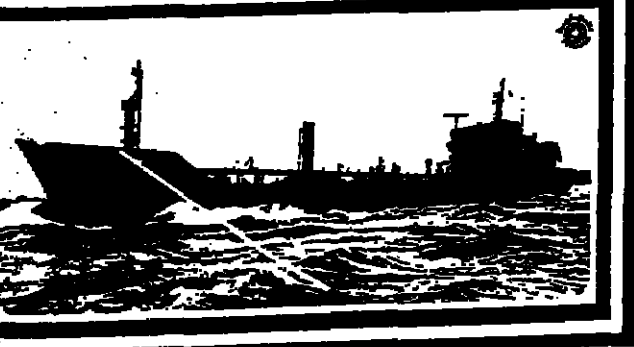
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Late News

## Belgians to vote on restructuring divided country

BRUSSELS, Dec. 16 (UPI) — Over six million Belgian voters Sunday elect a new parliament which will have to devise new structures for the 150-year-old state.

The election campaign, hardly marred by any incidents, revolved around two major topics — devolution and the economic crisis.

**Rift**  
The elections, only 20 months after the last ones instead of four years, were the result of a rift two months ago in the coalition of former Prime Minister Leo Tindemans over proposed state reforms.

The reforms were to give a large measure of cultural and economic autonomy to Dutch-speaking Flanders in the north, French-speaking Wallonia in the south and Brussels, which is officially bilingual but has a strong French-speaking majority.

Tindemans' own Flemish Social Christian Party refused to approve the proposals in parliament after the Council of State, the highest legal body, had said several of the proposals

ed reforms conflicted with the constitution.

**Revision**  
Tindemans resigned and Defense Minister Paul Vanden Boeynants set up a transitional government which prepared early elections and a revision of the constitution.

Whatever the outcome of the elections, it was clear from the positions taken by all parties that the unitarian Belgian monarchy, set up in 1830, will undergo profound changes under the next parliament.

Nobody has attacked the throne, but no party any longer defends a unitarian state. Most leaders favor a federalist state of two or three regions with significant autonomy. Some Walloon leaders, hoping self-determination will allow them to remedy their regions economic woes, have indicated they might prefer a loosely-knit confederation of separate states if they deem the proposed autonomy insufficient.

The polls open at 8 a.m. (0700 GMT) and close at 1 p.m. (noon GMT.) Voting is compulsory in Belgium.

## Poll shows Carter support stable since Camp David

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP) — As 1978 moves to a close, the American public's rating of President Carter remains at about the level reached after the euphoria of the Camp David summit subsided, an Associated Press-NBC News poll shows.

In the poll conducted last week, 36 per cent of those questioned rated Carter's work in office as excellent or good. Half of the public gave his efforts "only fair" grades, and 12 per cent gave him poor marks. Two per cent were not sure.

Those figures are identical to the ratings found by the November AP-NBC News survey and they are slightly below the peak reached right after the Camp David summit when Carter's rating jumped from its low point of 26 per cent to 42 per cent.

Since the September peak, his ratings have declined a bit as domestic concerns overshadowed

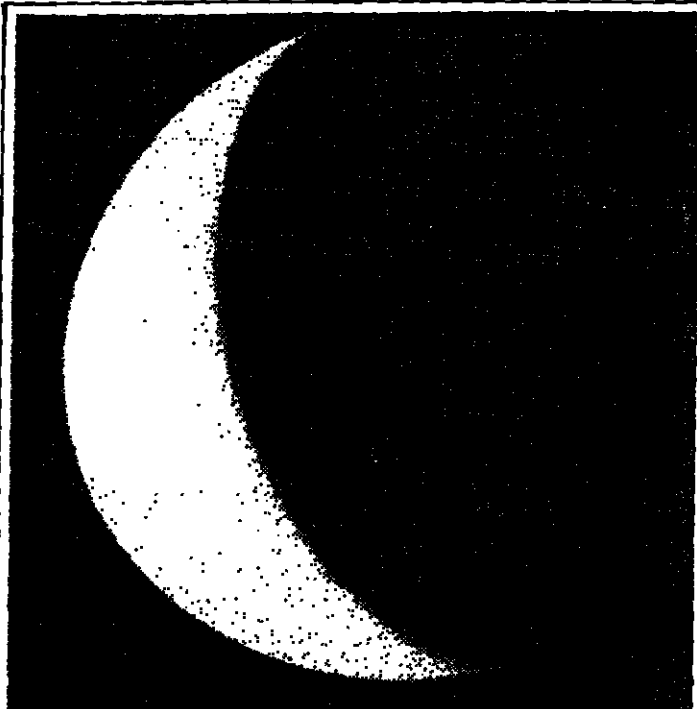


Jimmy Carter

ed his actions in foreign policy.

These concerns over domestic issues — particularly the economy — showed up clearly in the latest survey.

Americans gave Carter's work on the economy only a 19 per cent positive rating, down a bit from the 21 per cent in November.



**VENUS:** One of the first photographs sent by Pioneer 1, the \$225 million American probe, shows the brightest planet in the solar system moving from day into night. Scientists are excited with the probe and, among other new insights into the planet, have discovered a mysterious glow on the surface.

## Hope flickers faintly for missing freighter

HAMBURG, Dec. 16 (AP) — "The situation is very grave but we have not given up hope" that the missing West German freighter Munchen and her passenger and crew will be found, the owners said Saturday.

Hapag-Lloyd said a second rescue float picked up by the salvage tug "Titan" has been identified as one from the 37,134 ton Munchen, missing since her first "SOS" call was picked up Tuesday.

The 15-seat rubber raft was so spoiled with oil that it took the serial number of a gas flask to identify it as being one of six rescue islands the Munchen carried before disappearing in a storm-tossed area of the Atlantic some 400 miles north of the Azores.

Aboard the 261-meter vessel carrying 83 barges from Germany to Savannah, Georgia,

were 27 crew and the wife of one of her officers. Three of the barges originally stowed on the afterdeck of the freighter have been recovered.

The West German Naval Command in Gloucester has three French-designed "Breguet-Atlantic" reconnaissance planes helping in the search. An official in Gloucester said Saturday that another two of the planes, each with a crew of 12, were offered the rescue center at Plymouth, England, where the search is being coordinated.

The planes, stacked with electronic gear for submarine hunting, enable the center to carry on searching 24 hours a day, the official said. They take off from the south of England and the Azores on their missions, joined by British and American planes.

## 31 Nepalese dissidents forgiven, allowed home

KATMANDU, Dec. 16 (AP) — King Birendra pardoned 31 people allegedly involved in "anti-national" activities and permitted them to live in Nepal, the government said Saturday.

They belong to the banned Nepali Congress Party and were living in self-imposed exile in India.

A total of 33 others were given a royal pardon in October

ber by the king and one of their leaders, B.P. Koirala, who was being tried here by a tribunal on two charges of treason and sedition, left Katmandu last week for the United States for a medical check-up.

King Mahendra, father of King Birendra, seventeen years ago dissolved the party system and introduced the party-less Panchayat policy in this Himalayan kingdom.

## Rhodesia's Chirau offers to mediate

SALISBURY, Dec. 16 (Agencies) — Chief Jeremiah Chirau, a member of the Rhodesian transitional government's Supreme Executive Council, Saturday offered to work as an intermediary to try to arrange talks between the ruling coalition and black nationalist guerrilla leaders.

Chirau said he wanted to meet Patriotic Front leaders Robert Mugabe and Joshua Nkomo and the presidents of the five African "front-line" states most closely involved in the Rhodesian dispute — Zambia, Mozambique, Tanzania, Angola and Botswana.

**Help**  
He said in a statement he had started to make arrangements for a tour and, if necessary, he would call on other governments for help. He did not name them, but it was assumed he meant Britain and the United States.

Anglo-American peace envoys Cledwyn Hughes and Stephen Low have just completed an African tour aimed at settling up an all-parties settlement conference. It appeared they had not met with much success.

While the transitional government said it was prepared to attend talks, Nkomo and Mugabe said they were not. Chirau said, "While we will not consider any preconditions for a conference we will be prepared to use the revised Anglo-American proposals as

a starting point for our talks."

He did not make clear whether he was talking on behalf of the government or his party, the Zimbabwe United Peoples Organization (ZUPU). For some time ZUPU has backed talks on the basis of the British and American settlement plan which envisages a British-supervised transitional period leading to black rule.

None of the other coalition leaders — Premier Ian Smith, Abel Muzorewa and Ndabingi Sibhlo — or their aides could be reached for comment Saturday.

Smith, Muzorewa and Sibhlo have said they would prefer talks to be held on the basis of the March 3 Salisbury Agreement which set up the transitional government. The accord was scorned by the Patriotic Front.

**Kidnap Plot?**  
LONDON, Dec. 16 (AP) — Joshua Nkomo has accused a British airline of a bizarre plot to kidnap him and hand him over to the Ian Smith regime in Salisbury, the "Daily Express" reported Saturday.

The newspaper, under a banner, front-page headline "Nkomo Shocker," said the Nkomo

aides accused British Caledonian Airlines of being involved in the alleged plot.

Nkomo, leader of the Zimbabwe African Peoples Union (ZAPU), was in London this week after visiting Angola last weekend and returning to Lusaka, Zambia, where he makes his headquarters.

Naison Khezwana, a London-based Nkomo aide, said Nkomo "foiled the plot" at Gatwick Airport.

He said the guerrilla leader was walking across the tarmac to catch the British Caledonian flight for Lusaka, when he stopped and said, "No, no going. Remove my gage."

**Denial**  
British Caledonian told a newspaper that there was any plot and what actually happened was that the party told Nkomo that it might be bad weather en route to Zambia.

"We told Mr. Nkomo that there was a remote possibility of light might be diverted to Salisbury because of weather conditions near Lusaka," a spokesman said.

"He was the only person told and the reason was because he might not want to catch the British Caledonian flight for Lusaka, where he stopped and said, 'No, no going. Remove my gage.'"

## S. Africans divide on Blood River day

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 16 (AP) — South Africa's Afrikaners Saturday commemorated their pioneer ancestors' victory over Zulu warriors in the 1838 Battle of Blood River.

But, symbolic of the yawning gulf between the dominant 4.4 million white minority and the 19 million disenfranchised black majority, descendants of the Zulus and other Africans, held their remembrance day for the country's 300 or more black political prisoners.

"It's a public holiday we have no part of," said one black organizer of the day here.

"We find it abhorrent that the

government should allow a public holiday that marks the defeat of the masses."

Instead, several black political movements who have officials and supporters in detention without trial or in cells awaiting trial for political-related offenses held special services in the sprawling black township of Soweto.

But at least one popular newspaper for Afrikaners, "Die Transvaler," commented that Saturday's celebration of what is officially called the Day of the Covenant should include all races.

## England in Test ascendancy

## Willis pass knocks fight out of Aussies

PERTH, Dec. 16 (Agencies) — Fast bowler Bob Willis, who nearly did not play because of blistered feet, took two wickets for no runs in 13 deliveries in the last hour to put the England cricketers in a strong position after the second day of the second Test against Australia here Saturday.

When stumps were drawn Australia was reeling at 60 for four in reply to England's first innings total of 309.

Willis, troubled by badly blistered feet for the past fortnight, knocked the stuffing out of the Australian batting when he bowled Kim Hughes for 16 and captain Graham Yallop for three.

Earlier, fast left-hander John Lever started the Australian slide by trapping opener Graeme Wood leg before wicket for five in the third over of the innings.

At three for 38 Australia was in serious trouble, but things looked slightly better after

opener Rick Darling and Peter 'Tooney took the score to 60 for three during the final over of the day.

Then tragedy struck when off-spinner Geoff Miller's seventh ball in the final over was turned by Tooney just past leg slip for a ridiculous runout to follow.

Darling set off for a suicide single but was wisely sent back by Tooney.

But Darling was unable to beat home Ian Botham's return to Miller and was run out.

Willis ended the day with two for 17 off seven overs and lever with one for five off three overs.

Earlier, fast bowler Rodney Hogg was Australia's hero as he helped his side to dismiss England for 309 after it had been in comfortable position at 199 for three.

Hogg sustained a lively pace and finished with the excellent analysis of five for 65 off 30.5 overs.

David Gower added only one run to his overnight total of 101 in 31 minutes.

Geoff Boycott, who faced 340 deliveries during his grim vigil, did not hit a single boundary.

Stout late resistance by Miller and Lever boosted England's total when they added 42 runs for the eighth wicket.

Miller scored a solid 40 in 144 minutes and lever held out for 61 minutes in scoring 14.

**First ball**

In Bangalore, India lost 3 wickets off the first ball of its innings Saturday, the second day of the second Test against the West Indies, but recovered to a comfortable 129 for one wicket at close of play.

Earlier, the West Indies, resuming at the overnight score of 285 for five wickets, were all out for 437 thanks to some robust batting by Sew Shivaline and tallenders Norbert Philip and Derek Parry. Shivaline scored 62 while

Philip made 26. Parry remained unbeaten on 41. Spin bowler Bishan Singh Bedi was the most successful bowler.

India began disastrously when opening batsman A. Kapur was dismissed by a captain Sunil Gavaskar (fash) at the first delivery from pacer Sylvester Clarke and was brilliantly caught at gully by Shivnarine. Gavaskar's du ended a series of previous scores: in his last four innings he hit two centuries, a double century and 73.

But Anshuman Gaekwad, who has replaced all-rounders Mohinder Amarnath in the team, and Dilip Vengsarkar survived some hostile bowling.

Both batsmen, initially cautious, opened out with flowing drives and powerful cuts to break the West Indian hold. At close, Gaekwad and Vengsarkar were batting with runs each.

The match continues Sunday.

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U.S.

Italian Foreign Minister Arnaldo Forlani said the establishment of diplomatic relations between Washington and Peking will help China in playing a more complete role in international politics.

"The decision...was by now something foreseeable and must be hailed with satisfaction," Forlani told newsmen. "It is along the line of a more complete participation of the People's Republic of China in international life."

India said that it hopes the

U.S.-Chinese move would lead to "easing of international tensions and, more particularly, promote peace and stability, which is the cherished wish of all states in Asia."

The Indian government stopped short, in its statement, of saying that it welcomed the development.

British Foreign Secretary David Owen said Saturday he was "delighted" by the establishment of formal relations between the two countries saying it was an "overdue and a

much needed development."

"Britain took this step some years back," Owen said. "Indeed, we were the first to recognize the People's Republic of China in the 1950s. But it has always been a major gap that the United States, the most powerful country in the world, has not had relations with the People's Republic and I think it extremely important and it will allow a more balanced relationship."

"China is a superpower...in the last few months they have made dramatic changes in their

readiness to play a role in the international sphere. They have come out of their cocoon."

Carter's announcement led to a demand Saturday from lawmaker Robert Adley that Britain proceed immediately with the sale of British Harrier vertical-takeoff jet fighters to China. The move has been widely anticipated but no deal has been announced.

Adley, a Conservative, is vice chairman of the all-party British-Chinese Parliamentary Group of Lawmakers.

Egypt

repeatedly spoken out against Jewish settlement in populated Arab areas of the West Bank, said recent American pressure on Israel had caused him to support establishment of new villages in the region.

But, despite the heated atmosphere, Israeli officials said they hoped talks on a peace treaty would resume at a later date.

But Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, in a television interview Friday night warned that, if the talks were delayed too long, the draft treaty offered on Nov. 11 might no longer be valid.

If that were the case, negotiations would have to begin all over again, he said.

Dayan told a U.S. television commentator Saturday the present impasse "did not mark a dangerous time in Israel's history."

"But it is a disappointing period after we went so very far in offering to withdraw from the Sinai and pull up Jewish settlements there," he said.

"We have been ready to

pay a very high price, but Egypt is now putting up new demands, Sadat now wants other things as well. It is very doubtful if we can agree. We thought we had made a deal but it appears that it is not so."

Moshe Arens, chairman of the important Knesset (parliament) Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, told Israel radio Saturday it would not be catastrophic if a peace treaty were not signed by Sunday or even next month.

He said Israel could anticipate U.S. pressure to accept the new Egyptian demand. "Such pressures are not conducive to the peace process. They cause a destabilization of the situation, but they are not without certain restraints. If used without restraint they could lead to belligerency — which the U.S. does not want," he said.

Israeli commentators said Saturday the announcement of the opening of full diplomatic relations between the U.S. and China would have side-effects on Israeli thinking.

Shah

men to rise against their officers or desert.

Monday's killings were the first known attack by soldiers on military men since October, when the military governor and the security forces commander in the southern Jahrum zone were assassinated by a rooper. Other soldiers shot the assassin dead.

In the southern oilfields, diplomats said several hundred oilworkers had returned to their rigs bowing to the government threat of dismissal.

The increased labor force brought production up to 1.1 million barrels, up 450,000 barrels from Friday's level but still far below the nation's capacity of just under six million barrels a day.

"Things are looking a bit better but we don't necessarily expect the figure gained today to be repeated tomorrow or Monday," said one oil industry source. "There are still a lot of people down there very committed to the idea of the strike and very loyal to Ayatollah Khomeini."

From his exile retreat in

France, the Shah's arch foe Khomeini has urged strikers intensify their efforts to shut down the oil fields and bring about the collapse of the Iranian economy.

Khomeini has declared Monday a day of nationwide mourning for the victims rioting by pro-Shah tribesmen earlier this week.

## Kingdom

President Mobutu discussed the problems faced by his country on account of "known events," the rising cost of oil imports and the falling price of copper, Zaire's main foreign currency earner. "The Mobutu plan," he said, "aims at redressing such a situation and reforming the national and economic structure of the country."

President Mobutu said he has invited a delegation of businessmen from the Jewish Chamber of Commerce to visit Kinshasa's Tenth Trade Exhibition in June. The invitation was extended during a meeting with a chamber of commerce delegation earlier in the week during which trade cooperation between Zaire and Saudi Arabia was discussed.

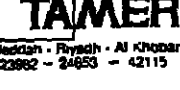
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